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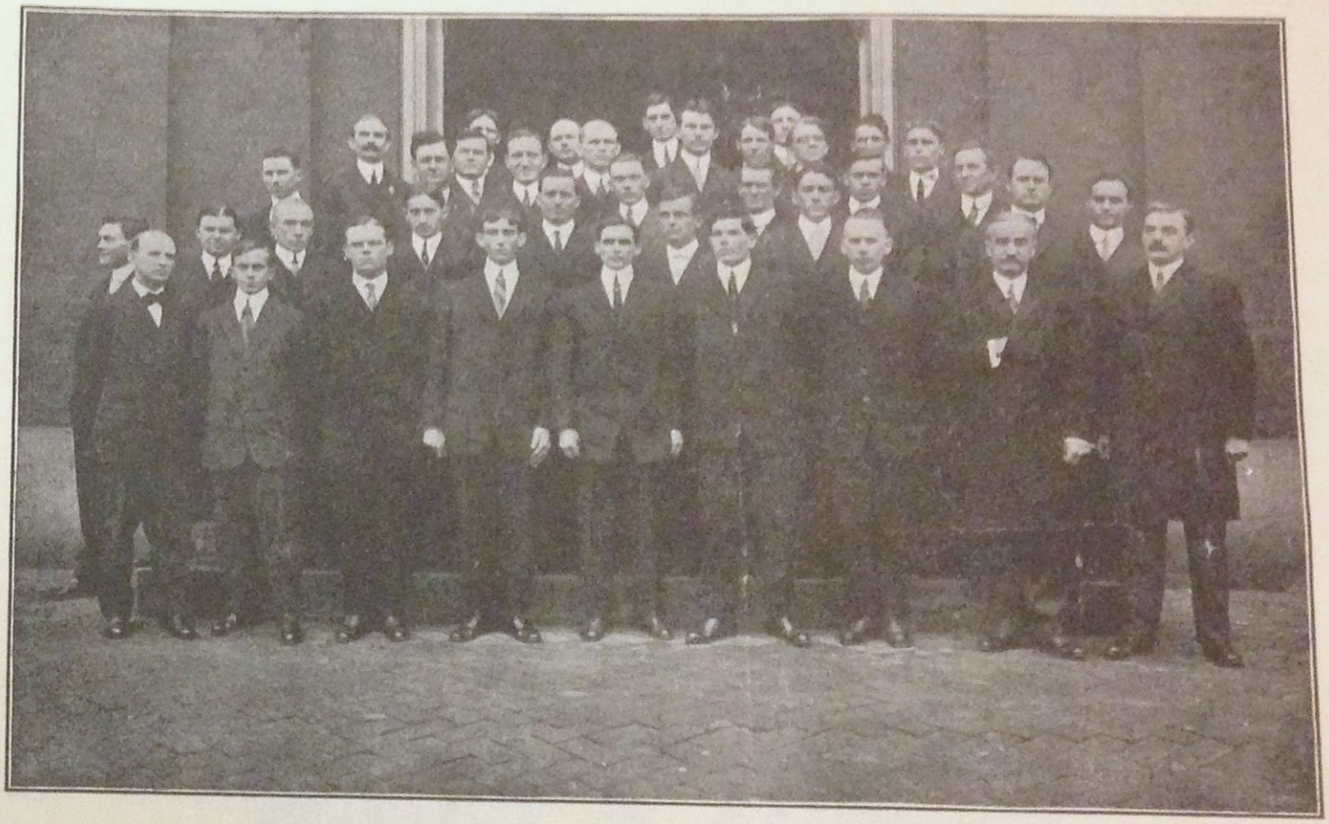
THE A. B. PUGH CLASS



Members of the A. B. Pugh Class Present Sunday, December 7, 1913
Mr. W. W. Millan at the right end of bottom row.

A brief history of the A. B. Pugh class was published in September, 1909, in which the occasion of its organization and some account of its work, methods of procedure, and achievements to that date were stated. Amongst other things, it was there said:

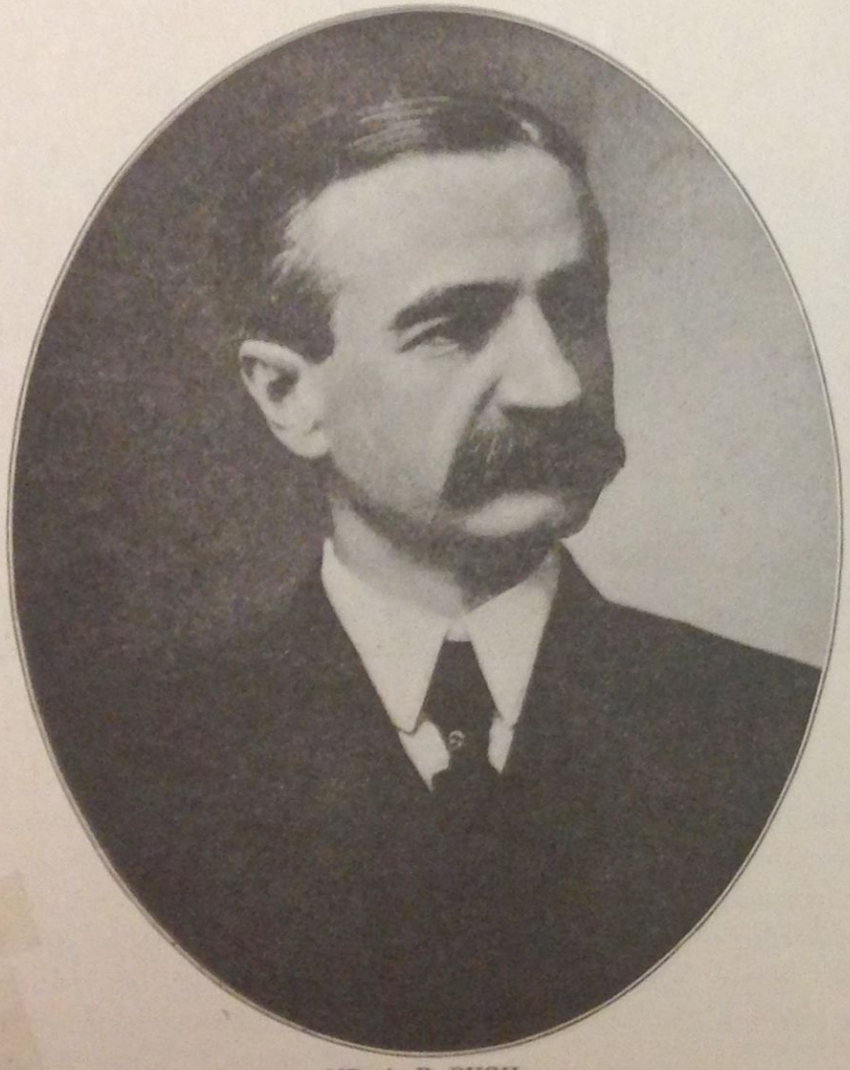
"As expressly declared in the constitution, the chief objects of the organization are Bible study and Christian culture. Mutual helpfulness, social intercourse, the development of those lines of character that bind men together in a common brotherhood, and the advancement of the membership in the field of literature, are also important features of the work." * * *

"The membership of the class is made up of young men (generally between the ages of 20 and 35 years), mostly from the South, though a number of States have been and are represented. * * * Many of the members hold positions in the Civil Service and attend lectures in the colleges mornings and evenings before and after office hours. Thus they are enabled to take advantage of the exceptional educational opportunities the national capital affords. As a rule, they remain from two to four years. But few remain longer. When they have fitted themselves for their chosen life work most of them go away from the city. They either return to their homes or

go to some other inviting field to take their places in the affairs of the world and to assume the larger responsibilities which their opportunities and educational acquirements have placed upon them. Thus it is that many leave the class every year, while others come to take their places.

Young men are coming to the national capital in increasing numbers as the years go by. The time they spend here is usually brief, and is during the period of life when they need the social and religious influences of the Sunday School and Church. This class aims to reach as many of them as possible and to furnish them a church home while in the city. We induce many to join us, and endeavor to help them socially, morally, and spiritually. Along these lines we believe the class is doing a good work."

The aim and work of the class are the same today as when the former history was written. Bible study, Christian culture, mutual helpfulness, and character development are the important and dominant features. Our membership is drawn from a larger field, however, than formerly, and the influence of the class has been more widely extended. Every State of the Union, except New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Nevada, Idaho and the Pacific Coast States, has been represented in the active membership, at one time or another. Some of the states not so represented have nevertheless felt the touch and influence of those who have gone out from us in search of larger opportuni-



MR. A. B. PUGH

ties and to assume the greater responsibilities of life. The class had contributed to various sections of the country more than three hundred and fifty Christian young men prior to the date of the former history. The number now exceeds five hundred, and the work goes on.

The class has kept in touch with many of these former members, now at work in larger fields of usefulness. Extracts from a few of the letters received from these young men may not be amiss as tending to show the good influence the class had upon them. A letter from New Mexico contains the following statement:

"The influence of my association with you will remain with me to the end of life's journey, even should I never have the advantage and pleasure of being associated with a live men's class again. Since leaving you, I have realized more than ever before the profit and pleasure I derived from my connection with the Pugh Class."

Another young man writes from Louisville, Ky. Speaking of his rather brief connection with the class, he says:

"I am sure that I could not do anything with more pleasure than to acknowledge gratefully that it was a decisive factor in my life at that time. The atmosphere of the class as led by Mr. Pugh was spiritually stimulating and the cordial reception I, a stranger, received is a memory that has not faded at all in four years or more."

A letter recently received from another, now practicing law in Alabama, says, in part:

"While a member of the class, and taking some small part in its activities, I felt its wholesome and helpful influence, impelling me, and now, although many miles away, the binding cord has not been broken, and memory holds fast many pleasant experiences—the outgrowth of my connection with the class."

These expressions of appreciation are but samples of many that might be given. They are sufficient to indicate in some measure the helpful influence of the class upon young men. Similar letters are constantly being received from former members located in many parts of the country, even including the Philippine Islands.

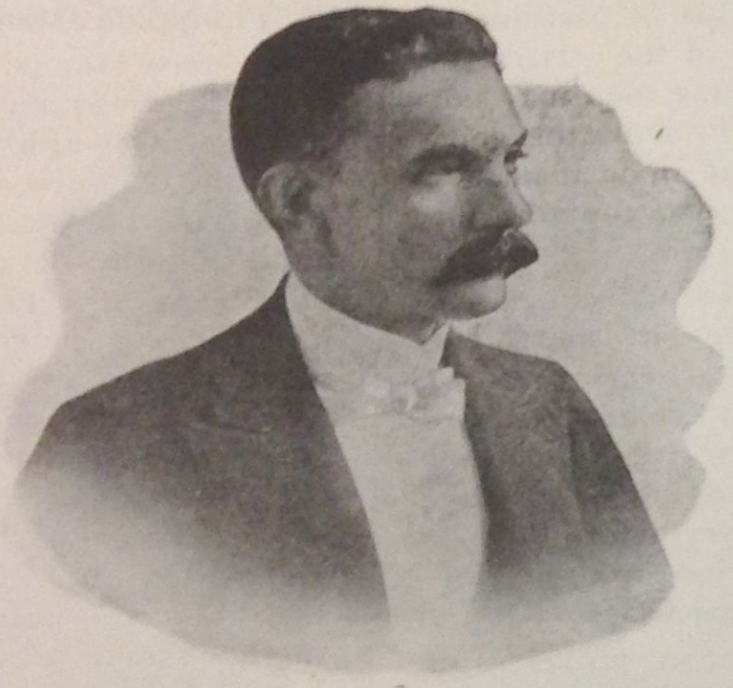
The class stands for service—service to young men; service to the church; service for the uplift of humanity. Our program of work is not one of days, weeks, or months, but of years. We build not for the present, but for the future. We are all at it, and always at it. We want the young men who come to Washington year by year, for the purpose of completing their education and preparing themselves for business or professional careers, to join our ranks. The class has been in the past, and will continue to be in the future, one of the means for turning this mighty stream of the best young manhood of our country into the church and into a higher and better citizenship.

We are a brotherhood of men of varied temperaments and of widely different minds. By social intercourse and Christian fellowship we are brought into closer relations, one to another; and this brotherly union in the service of the Master is a powerful means for the harmonious development of those faculties of mind and heart that form the basis of true manhood.

In continuing this work, it is our purpose to broaden, if possible, our field of usefulness. To this end the class has undertaken the publication of a monthly Journal, not for its exclusive benefit, but for the benefit of the Sunday School as a whole, and of the entire church as well.

To succeed in this new enterprise we must have the devoted and earnest support of other classes and of the membership of the entire church. We are conscious of the fact that success in so great an undertaking can only come from a united endeavor on the part of the various organizations of the church.

The present officers of the class are as follows: President, Henry E. Allanson, of Iowa; Vice-President, Herbert M. Elliott, of Virginia; Secretary, Robert T. McCarty, of Virginia; Assistant Secretary; James E. Franks, of Arkansas; Treasurer, Arthur E. Martin, of Alabama; Assistant Treasurer, A. Hadley Taylor, of Florida; Historian, William L. Coffman, of Virginia.



MR. W. W. MILLAN

Mr. Millan has been Superintendent of the Mount Vernon Place Sunday School since 1906, and has been connected with the Sunday School in an official capacity since 1886, except for three years about 21 years ago, while he was absent from the city. Mr. Millan is a member of the Executive Committee of the International Sunday School Association, and is one of the two Trustees of the Association representing the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

BISHOP HOSS' VISIT

Bishop Hoss, of Nashville, spent several days in Washington the latter part of November, preaching at Mount Vernon Church at the morning service on Sunday, November 23, and to the Mount Pleasant Congregation at the evening service the same day. An unusually distinguished congregation greeted the Bishop at Mount Pleasant, several Senators and Congressmen attending in a body. In his sermons here Bishop Hoss said many true and splendid things, some of which are quoted below:

"Love is like the widow's oil: it increases with giving."

"It seems impossible for man to use any good gift without abusing it."

"No man, however strong, is free from the influences of his time."

"No man can preach a truth until he has lived it."

"Every truth is equal to its own force plus the force of the man back of it."

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The study of the lessons for the year 1913—practically all in the Old Testament—is now over. These lessons have presented a very great number of practical ideas and teachings, and have placed before the student many of the finest characters of the Bible, or of all history, for that matter. But to our mind, the lesson of influence has been the most persistent thought throughout the year's study.

No man liveth to himself, and every act, willful or unwitting, good or bad, leaves an impress, affects some one of our fellowmen and carries its influence to the peoples of ages to come.

We have been shown examples of the destruction of nations in order to eliminate a source of contamination to the Israelites. The same is true of entire households amongst the Israelites themselves. We have seen how the sinful act of one man brought destruction upon all of his household, as well as upon himself.

Therefore, as a New Year's thought, let us resolve to guard our every influence, to make it good instead of bad, and send down to the generations waves of influence that makes for the betterment of mankind. Your presence in the Sunday School every Sunday, with a perfect lesson, is a step in the right direction.

Resolution of Sympathy.

Whereas, it hath pleased our all-wise and loving Heavenly Father to remove from this earth our beloved friend and classmate, Cora Y. Adams; therefore, be resolved:

First: That in her death the Delta Alpha Class has lost one of its best, most loved and efficient members, who never tired of working for the cause she so dearly loved.

Second: That while her death is to the class a great loss, yet we recognize it as her gain, for we feel assured she has now entered into the joy of her Lord.

Third: That the deepest sympathy be expressed to the bereaved husband, sisters and brother, with the hope that each of them may meet their loved one in Heaven.

Fourth: That these resolutions be recorded in the Minute Book of our class, a copy sent to members of the family, and published in the Southern Methodist and the Mt. Vernon Journal.

(Signed) S. W. Wood,
Mrs. Oscar Jones,
Mrs. Arthur E. Martin,
Miss Aileen Neblett,
Committee.

The A. B. Pugh Class adopted similar resolutions, expressing a deep sympathy for Mr. Adams in his bereavement.

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The MOUNT VERNON JOURNAL has met with much encouragement, but not enough of the practical kind. As before stated, the paper must have not less than 500 subscribers in order to survive, and if each and every member of the Mount Vernon Sunday School will do his or her duty, many more than the required number may be obtained with ease. All of us are very prone to "let the other fellow do it," but this is not a practical method, for no one can do our duty for us. We must do it ourselves, or it goes undone.

This number is devoted chiefly to the Pugh Class. The January number will probably be devoted to the new church project, and at that time we hope to have good pictures of the proposed new church, and our new pastor. The February number will be devoted to Dr. Clark's Class, at least they have spoken for it; however, the promoters of the paper feel that they must attach some condition to the use of the paper for sketches and pictures chiefly of interest to a particular class; therefore, it has been decided to require all classes desiring this privilege to secure not less than fifty subscriptions to the JOURNAL, the special numbers appearing in the order that the subscriptions are handed in by the several classes. However, this does not apply to news items such as are found under "News Notes." All such items are greatly appreciated by the Editors.

Many copies of this are being mailed to former members of the Pugh Class, and of the Sunday School. We expect one or more subscriptions from each of them, and we will get them if they retain any of the old Mount Vernon spirit.

Mount Vernon Place Church's New Pastor.

The Reverend Edward K. Hardin, appointed by Bishop Wilson to the pastorate of the Mount Vernon Place Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has arrived in the city, and he and his family are residing at 1200 Massachusetts Avenue, Northwest. Reverend Mr. Hardin preached his first sermon to his new congregation on Sunday morning, December 14, and was greeted by a large and representative audience. He comes from the South Carolina Conference, where he ranked as one of the strong men of the connection. He has made a splendid impression in his new field of labor.

Dr. E. V. Regester, the former pastor, will now devote his entire time to the duties of Presiding Elder of the Washington District. The Mount Vernon Congregation will have the opportunity to see and hear him occasionally. Dr. Regester and his family now reside in Alexandria.

The bazaar given by the Young People's Missionary Society of Mount Vernon Church, on December 9 and 10, was a great success. The net profits amounted to more than $100.

NEWS NOTES

In the absence of Mrs. Janes, teacher of the Philathea Class of Mount Vernon Sunday School, Mr. J. O. Tolbert is directing the studies of the class. This class is said to have a very high record for good lessons.

Mr. S. W. Wood, of the Delta Alpha Class, has returned to the city and resumed his duties as teacher of the class, after an absence of about six months. The spirit and energy of this class speak in high compliment of their teacher, as well as of the respective members.

Mr. H. A. Cox, formerly of the Pugh Class, now residing in Montrose, Colorado, writes that he has recently been made assistant superintendent of the Methodist Sunday School of that city, which is in addition to his active duties as teacher of a splendid class of young men. Mr. Cox also writes that he has formed a law partnership, and will enter upon the active practice on January 1, 1914.

Mr. J. E. Frank, the efficient and popular Assistant Secretary of the Pugh Class, left the city Monday for Tucson, Arizona, where he has been assigned to duty in the Immigration Service.

It is confidently expected by those in charge of the new church enterprise that work will begin at an early date. It has been definitely settled that the church will be located on the lot between Massachusetts Avenue and K Street, at Ninth Street, N. W.

MR. MERCHANT:

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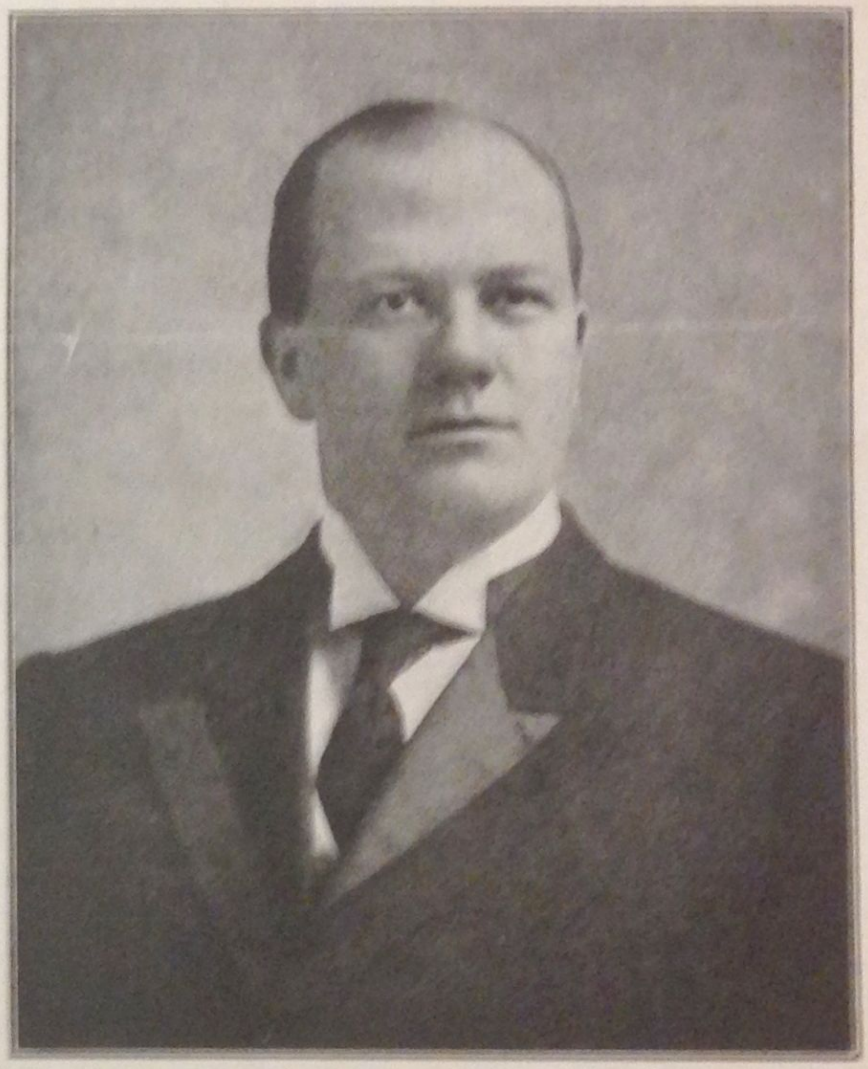

REV. EDWARD K. HARDIN

Born, Abbeville, S. C., June 29, 1884; Graduated from Wofford College 1904; Spent one year at Princeton Theological Seminary, and took M. A. Degree from Vanderbilt University 1910; Licensed to preach 1905. Has taught three years in Wofford College and Fitting School. Joined the South Carolina Conference 1908; Transferred to the Baltimore Conference and appointed to Mount Vernon Place Church in December, 1913.

REPRESENTATIVE CHURCH

The work of erecting the representative church will be commenced at an early date. We had hoped to publish in this issue of the Journal a view of the proposed new building, but owing to some changes in the plans made at a recent meeting of the general commission having the matter in charge, we were unable to secure a suitable cut, and will therefore have to defer the matter until a later issue. A brief historical sketch of the life and work of the old church will doubtless be of interest to many of our readers.

Southern Methodism became an organized force in Washington City in 1850.

The first congregation was established on Eighth Street between H and I Streets N. W., and was connected with the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The congregation was served by ministers regularly appointed by the Conference from that time to 1861 as follows:

1850-1851—W. W. Bennett.
1851-1852—Leonidas Rosser.
1852-1853—James D. Blackwell.
1853-1855—James A. Duncan.
1855-1857—David S. Doggett.
1857-1859—John C. Granbery.
1859-1861—Joseph A. Proctor.

For the year 1861-1862 George H. Ray was appointed, but by reason of the breaking out of the war between the States was unable to fill the appointment. For the years 1862, 1863, 1864 and 1865 no appointments to Washington city were made.

In 1862 the congregation erected, and for a time occupied as a place of worship, a small frame building on P Street, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth Streets N. W. The clouds of the great war had overcast the horizon, and the feeling in Washington against those identified with the southern wing of the church was intensely bitter. The little band suffered great persecutions, but succeeded in holding themselves together by the tie of a true Methodist spirit, and, undaunted in their purpose to secure a pure gospel unmixed with politics, they obtained the services in the pulpit of Rev. John Wesley Boteler, a noble and godly man, who in after years, when Mount Vernon Place Church became an established institution and began the work of planting missions in other parts of the city, went out as the leader of a mission in East Washington, where, by his efficient efforts and untiring energy, he succeeded in erecting a church—now Epworth M. E. Church, South—which is a monument to his memory and a pride to the Mother Church.

In 1863 the congregation erected a frame building on M Street near Ninth Street N. W., and at once moved into the new church. For a while the pulpit was supplied by professors from Columbian College, through the kindness of its president, Dr. Samson. In 1865 the congregation became an Independent Methodist Church, and Rev. W. V. Tudor became its pastor and served for one year.

In 1866 the church re-entered the southern connection by joining the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at the session held in Alexandria, Va., in March of that year, and Dr. Tudor was continued as pastor. During his pastorate the present "Mount Vernon Place Church" was erected, and the congregation moved into it in June, 1869. The name was chosen by Dr. Tudor himself. He conceived the idea that, as Mount Vernon was the home of the Father of his Country, there could be no objection to the name for the church, especially as the street and park immediately in front of the church were then known as "Mount Vernon Place."

The pastors who have served Mount Vernon Place Church since Dr. Tudor's time are as follows:

1871-1873—S. S. Roszell, D. D.
1873-1877—A. W. Wilson, D. D.
1878-1882—W. P. Harrison, D. D.
1882-1886—S. K. Cox, D. D.
1886-1890—S. W. Haddaway.
1890-1893—J. T. Wightman, D. C.
1893-1897—I. W. Canter.
1897-1901—J. W. Duffey, D. D.
1901-1905—Forrest J. Prettyman.
1905-1908—Wm. F. Locke.
1908-1912—J. Howard Wells.
1912-1913—E. V. Regester.
1913————Edward K. Hardin.

The strong feelings engendered by the war caused many obstacles to be placed

in the way of the church's advancement for a number of years. At times these obstacles seemed almost insurmountable. There were persecutions in those days, at times severe and unrelenting. These conditions continued up to and included the pastorate of Rev. A. W. Wilson, D. D. (now our senior Bishop), but in spite of them the church grew in numbers and increased in strength.

Too much cannot be said in praise of the work done by the brave, noble, and godly pastors in those troublous years. To them, each and all, and to the noble band of Christian people who courageously held fast the faith of their fathers, Southern Methodism owes a debt of everlasting gratitude. That their work and its results were an inspiration to those who came after them is shown by the progress which the church has since made. Missions have been established in every part of the city where needed, and these missions have grown into self-sustaining churches.

The launching and establishing of these enterprises caused a heavy drain upon the parent church, in both membership and money; but thus she has wrought in the interest of the church at large, and by reason of the consequent drain upon her resources has not been able to provide the kind of church edifice required suitably to represent the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at the National Capital.

The time arrived when it was believed that there was open to our church in this city a greater and more promising field for successful work than ever before. The conditions were thought to be favorable to a forward movement along all lines of religious activity. The demand for a pure and simple gospel was rapidly increasing. It was likewise evident that our denomination needed a spacious representative church edifice, of attractive architectural design, such as would compare favorably with the representative churches of other denominations, which had been erected largely by the aid of contributions from their general membership throughout the country. As is well known to our people, it was determined by the General Conference at Birmingham, Ala., in 1906, that the church at large should aid in the erection of a building that would fitly represent us in this city.

It has taken time to mature plans and raise the necessary funds for this great work, but we are happy to know that its success has long since been assured; and our information is that the work of actual construction will soon be commenced. We are now face to face with our duty in this enterprise, and the Journal stands ready to aid in every possible way.

We cannot close this sketch without mention of the unique and interesting fact that Dr. Tudor, our greatly beloved first pastor, after a wonderfully successful ministry whose influence has extended to the four corners of a continent, is now "back home" spending the beautiful evening of his honored and honorable life at old Mount Vernon. Youthful and active, both mentally and physically, and at times still abundant in labor for his Lord, the influence of his life rests as a sweet benediction upon all who regularly worship here.

The Mount Vernon Men's Society has been reorganized, and a set of officers, who will exert every effort to make the society a success, elected. We feel that they deserve the hearty support and cooperation of every man in the Mount Vernon congregation. Friends, even though you may not feel the need of the society individually, won't you attend the meetings and interest yourself in its welfare for the sake of those who do need the beneficial influences of the society.

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LESSON CALENDAR.

1. January 4—Jesus and the Children. Mark ix. 30-14; x. 13-16.
2. January 11—The Mission of the Seventy. Luke x. 1-24.
3. January 18—The Good Samaritan. Luke x. 25-37.
4. January 25—Serving Jesus. Luke viii. 1-3; ix. 57-62; x. 38-42.
5. February 1—The Unfriendly Neighbor. Luke xi. 1-13.
6. February 8—Darkness and Light. Luke xi. 14-26; 33-36.
7. February 15—Christ's Hatred of Shams. Luke xi. 37-54.
8. February 22—Faith Destroying Fear. Luke xii. 1-12.
9. March 1—Trusting in Riches and Trusting in God. Luke xii. 13-34.
10. March 8—Watchfulness — Temperance Lesson. Luke xii. 35-48.
11. March 15—The Lawful Use of the Sabbath. Luke viii. 10-17; xiv. 1-6.
12. March 22—Lessons by the Way. Luke xiii. 18-35.
13. March 29—Another Samaritan. Missionary Lesson. Luke x. 25-37.

GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE.

Born January 19, 1807.
Died October 12, 1870.

Although General Lee easily ranks as one of the three great generals produced by the English speaking people, his military career seems to receive less attention as the years go by. On the other hand, appreciation of the magnificent character and genuine greatness of the man grows from day to day, from generation to generation. This bespeaks an ever increasing tendency to consider character and real worth above military genius.

Any American whether of the North or the South, may find many traits of General Lee's character worthy of admiration and emulation. No other man—the leader of great bodies of troops—ever received the love and trust of his troops to such an extent as did General Lee, and the appellation, "Marse Robert," expressed a world of meaning.

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"The Methodist church is and always has been a people's church It has always stood for religious freedom and has been a militant factor in the promotion of civic righteousness as well as fundamental religious tenets.

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The above was written by the son of one of the most eminent Baptist Missionaries to China, and himself an editor of considerable note in Alabama, therefore very gratifying to all members of the Methodist Church. It is also especially pleasing for the reason that we feel that it is merited. It is impossible for any man to be a good Methodist, or a real Christian, and not be a good citizen in the genuine sense.

Mr. Frank C. Douglas, formerly of Washington, and whom many will recall, has entered upon the practice of the law at Little Rock, Ark.

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Every member of two of the classes of Mount Vernon Sunday School have subscribed for the Mount Vernon Journal. This act is surely appreciated, and should the same spirit possess other classes and members of the Sunday School, and the church, there would be no doubt of the success of the Journal. A number of the individual members of the Sunday School have shown their loyalty by securing subscriptions of their friends, as well as sending the paper to "the folks back home." No one man, or small set of men, can make an enterprise of this character a success, but the spirit of co-operation must be exemplified in its fullest extent The success of the Journal will be a credit to every man or woman, boy or girl, who contributed to its upbuilding by working for it.

Our February number will probably contain a sketch of Dr. Clark's Class. This is altogether appropriate, for this body of young men have displayed great earnestness and vigor, succeeding in building up a large organized class in the Sunday School.

The paper needs more advertising. There are a number of business men connected with the Sunday School and Church who would be well repaid by patronizing our columns, and at the same time they will help a worthy cause.

Resolutions adopted by the Official Board of the Church on the life and character of the late David L. Coon:

Under a dispensation of Our Heavenly Father, which we can understand only by the light of that faith which tells us that He doeth all things well, the earthly career of our beloved brother, David L. Coon has been terminated.

David L. Coon was born in Roanoke County Virginia, July 24th, 1857, and died at St. Petersburg, Florida, December 26th, 1913. At the age of about 22 years he was soundly converted to God in meeting at Gave Spring, Virginia, and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. From the date of his conversion he was an earnest Christian and an ardent supporter of the institutions of his church, and throughout the period of almost thirty-five years from that date till the date of his death, gave to it, without stint thought and energy time and money loyalty and devotion. The great dominating factor in his life was his devotion to God and his church. He seemed to have reached the ideal conception that his supreme business was to serve God and that a secular calling was to be followed, only as a means of paying expenses.

Brother Coon was a man of the most genial disposition. He radiated cordiality and friendship in all his intercourse with his fellow men and won for himself hosts of close strong friends. Coming to Washington about eighteen years ago, he at once united with Mount Vernon Place Church, and soon became one of its most active and useful members and officials. In 1906 he was elected treasurer and filled that office with conspicuous fidelity and marked ability until his failing health took him to Florida in the Fall of 1912. The Church owes him a debt of gratitude for his faith-

ful and self-denying service. A familiar and popular figure in the annual sessions of the Washington District Conference and of the Baltimore Annual Conference, besides sitting in the General Conference of 1910 and serving from that year until his death as a member of the General Board of Church Extension, his influence was felt in the Church at large as well as in our local congregation.

Therefore, Be it Resolved, 1st, That we cause this preamble and resolutions to to be entered upon the records of the Board and published in the Baltimore Southern Methodist, as a memorial of our beloved brother.

2nd. That we will ever hold him in tender recollection and point the Church to his life and work as an inspiration for more devoted service.

3rd. That we extend to his widow and his other loved ones, in their sorrow, our sincerest sympathy with the prayer that they may find consolation in his confident assurance, in his last hour that all was well with him and that God may sustain and comfort them.

Respectfully submitted,
W. W. MILLAN,
R. T. BUCKINGHAM,
S. W. COCKRELL,
Committee.

NEWS NOTES

The Men's Society of Mount Vernon Church met on Tuesday evening, the 13th inst, for the purpose of reorganization. While the attendance was not such as was hoped for, reorganization was perfected and a full set of new officers elected as follows: President, Charles J. Zeigler, of Maryland; Vice President, Fred R. Martin, of Alabama; Secretary, Thomas H. Daniels, of South Carolina; and Treasurer, H. M. Elliott, of Virginia.

Mrs. Janes has returned to the city after a six weeks visit to Texas points. It is expected that she will resume her duties as teacher of the Philathea Class on next Sunday, Mr. J. O. Tolbert having temporarily assumed the duties of teacher during Mrs. Janes' absence.

The "Willing Workers" of the Mount Pleasant Methodist Sunday School have announced a unique and novel entertainment entitled "Aunt Riana's Quilting Party" for Friday evening, January 30, at 8 o'clock. The public is invited, and assurance is given that a most enjoyable evening will be spent. The party is to be held in Post Office Hall, Park Road, near Fourteenth Street.

The Epworth League Union of Washington City and vicinity will hold its regular monthly meeting at Emery M. E. Church, South, Brightwood, January 27th.

Upon the occasion of the 107th anniversary of the birth of General Robert E. Lee, January 19, the Confederate Veterans of the District of Columbia met at Mount Vernon Church, where Senator Morris Sheppard, of Texas, delivered an eloquent address upon the lives of Generals Lee and Jackson. Crosses of Honor were bestowed upon a number of Confederate Veterans

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If you can keep your head when all about you
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If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or being hated, don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise.

If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;
If you can think, and not make thoughts your aim,
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster,
And treat those two imposters just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build 'em up with worn out tools;

If you can make one heap of all your winnings,
And risk it on one turn of pitch and toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings
And never breathe a word about your loss;
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: "Hold on."

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with kings—nor lose the common touch,
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,
If all men count with you, but none too much;
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and every thing that's in it,
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THE DELTA ALPHA CLASS

Members Present Sunday, April 12, 1914.
Rev. E. K. Hardin, on the left; Mr. S. W. Wood, teacher, in the center;
and Mr. J. O. Tolbert, assistant teacher, on the right.

The Delta Alpha Class of Mt. Vernon Place Sunday School was organized under its present name in the spring of 1906. Up to that time there had existed in the school a ladies' Bible class taught by Rev. F. A. Stier. After his death, in March, 1906, Mr. Samuel W. Wood, formerly superintendent of the Sunday School of Marvin M. E. Church, South, of Washington, was appointed to succeed him.

The Class is thoroughly and effectively organized, having the usual officers and committees, and an active membership of thirty.

The Class supplies substitute teachers, looks after its sick and absent members, maintains a roll of associate members which embraces those who have been active members but who can no longer attend, and is especially active in missionary work. During the last seven years it has raised $1,034.21 for its mission fund.

The Class holds monthly business and social meetings, and has a regular system of dues; also regular missionary pledges with monthly collections.

The officers are: President and Teacher, Mr. Samuel W. Wood; Assistant

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LESSON CALENDAR FOR SECOND QUARTER.

April 26, The Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin. Luke 15:1-10.
May 3, The Prodigal Son. Luke 15: 11-24.
May 10, The Unjust Steward. Luke 16: 1-13.
May 17, The Rich Man and Lazarus. Luke 16:19-31.
May 24, Unprofitable Servants. Luke 17:1-10.
May 31, The Grateful Samaritan. Luke 17:11-19.
June 7, The Coming of the Kingdom. Luke 17:20-37.
June 14, The Friend of Sinners. Luke 18:9-14; 19:1-10.
June 21, The Great Refusal. Mark 10: 17-31.
June 28, The Seeking Savior. (Review.)

Washington seems unfortunate in the moral tone of its daily newspapers in some particulars. It is not an uncommon thing to see an invitation to church services in one column and a liquor advertisement in a nearby column. We have seen editorials condemning the use of intoxicating liquors on the editorial page, and by turning a page or two find an advertisement boosting somebody's beer or whiskey as a real temperance drink. This is indeed a sad reflection upon the consistency of a paper, and to some degree bears out the charge so often made to the effect that our press is largely mercenary.

Many reputable papers and magazines do not accept advertising matter from persons and firms whose goods they cannot recommend, and for this reason they do not accept advertisements from brewers, distillers and liquor dealers, placing such advertising in the class with the fake medicine grafters' matter.

The liquor interests would probably withdraw their patronage from a paper making a real fight for reform along this line. There is no interest more selfish than the liquor interests, although they cry long and loud in the defense of "liberty." We suppose they mean "liberty" to create criminals and human wrecks, to wreck homes, and to fill the poor houses, orphan asylums and institutions for the insane?

The word "liberty" often covers a multitude of sins and crimes. It is the cry of the liquor dealer, the anarchist, the maker of fake medicines and the manufacturer of adulterated foods, so be not deceived into sympathy with all who make use of the word "liberty" for their own selfish ends.

Our rightful personal liberty ends where another's begins, and if the coming generations are not to be free from the menace of the saloon and strong drink their liberty will be sadly restricted.

"No man is born into the world, whose work is not born with him; there is always work and tools to work withall, for those who will."—Lowell.

"A fig for your bill of fare; show me your bill of company."—Swift.

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RESOLUTION.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Stewards at its March meeting, March 4, 1914:

"Resolved, that the Board extend to the young men of the A. B. Pugh Class of the Sunday School its best wishes in their efforts to publish The Mount Vernon Journal, and hereby expresses its sincere interest in the enterprise and its earnest hope that the class may be able to provide for the continuance of the paper."

NEWS NOTES.

Mr. H. M. Elliott has returned from a short Easter vacation at his home at Staunton, Virginia.

The many friends of Mr. I. Burton regret that his new duties will take him away from Washington most of the time. The Mount Vernon Sunday School and Epworth League will feel Mr. Burton's absence keenly. Mr. Ernest Anderson will teach Mr. Burton's class in his absence.

Miss Busey, the director of music in the Mount Vernon Sunday School, has requested that the Journal give publicity to her expression of appreciation upon the receipt of $35.00 from the A. B. Pugh Class as an addition to the new piano fund of the Sunday School. This fund now aggregates a little more than $200.

The bi-monthly meeting of the Epworth League Union of Washington and Vicinity was held in the Washington Street M. E. Church, South, Alexandria, on the 17th inst. The attendance was good, and a splendid program was rendered.

Mt. Vernon Church had unusually large congregations at the 11 o'clock service of the two last Sundays, and they were favored with splendid and appropriate sermons by the pastor.

Attention is called to the announcement of the play to be presented by members of the Esthnaoruth Class on the 29th inst. This play was presented several years ago, and it is chiefly in response to requests that it be repeated that it is presented now.

Mr. E. C. Guerin, of the Alaska-Canada Boundary Survey, favored the members and friends of the Mt. Vernon Men's Society with an excellent lecture, illustrated by stereoptican views, on the "Resources and Beauties of Alaska," on Tuesday evening, the 14th inst.

The mariage of Miss Jennie B. Omohundro and Mr. Samuel W. Wood on Saturday afternoon, April 11, was quite a surprise to their many friends. The ceremony was a quiet affair, with only a few friends and relatives present. Rev. E. V. Regester performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Wood are now absent on their bridal tour, but will make Washington their home the greater part of the time upon their return. They both have a very large circle of friends who wish for them the happiest of journeys through life.

The stage-drivers in Yellowstone Park are bothered considerably by the foolish questions asked by their passengers, and often resort to satirical answers. Once a lady tourist who seemed deeply interested in the hot springs inquired:

"Driver, do these springs freeze over in winter?"

"Oh, yes, yes; a lady was skating here last winter and broke through and got her feet scalded."

IF WE KNEW.

Could we but draw back the curtains
That surround each other's lives,
See the naked heart and spirit,
Know what spur the action gives,
Often we should find it better,
Purer than we judge we should;
We should love each other better,
If we only understood.

Could we judge all deeds by motive,
See the good and bad within,
Often we should love the sinner,
All the while we loathe the sin,
Could we know the powers working
To overthrow integrity,
We should judge each other's errors
With more patient charity.

If we knew the cares and trials,
Knew the effort all in vain,
And the bitter disappointment,
Understood the loss and gain,
Would the grim eternal roughness
Seem, I wonder, just the same?
Should we help, where now we hinder?
Should we pity where now we blame?

Ah! We judge each other harshly,
Knowing not life's hidden force;
Knowing not the fount of action
Is less turbid at its source.
Seeing not amidst the evil
All the golden grains of good;
We would love each other better,
If we only understood.

—Author unknown.

Major General Jesse M. Lee tells this story of the little boy who went to church with his father—also with a quarter and a penny.

"Did you contribute to the collection plate, Frederick?" the father asked after the service.

"'Yes, papa.'

"'And you put the quarter, not the penny in the collection plate, of course?'

"Frederick hesitated. 'Daddy,' he said at last. 'The minister said the Lord loves a cheerful giver!'

"'That's right,' agreed the father encouragingly.

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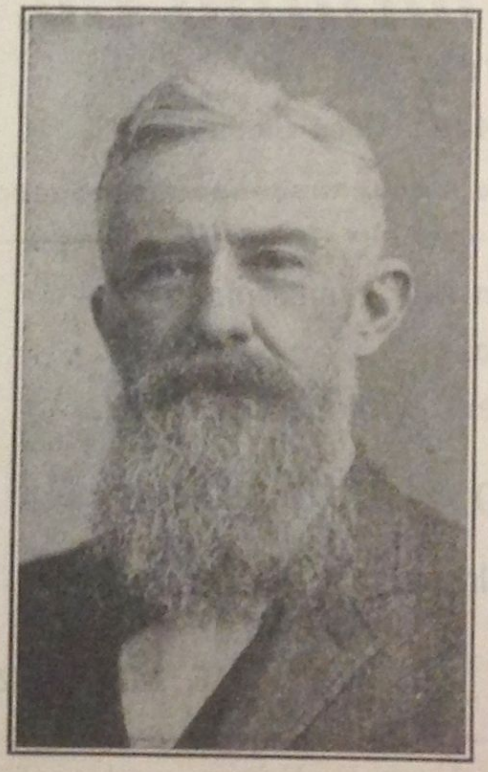
MR. LOVICK PIERCE

Mr. Lovick Pierce, whose picture adorns this number of *The Journal*, has been a member of Mt. Vernon Place Church for some years since he came to Washington from Sparta, Georgia, in the year 1893. He is a general favorite with all members of the congregation, and especially so with the young people—whose affection for him is shown by the familiar name by which they all refer to him. For the sake of the



dignity of *The Journal* we do not try to give that name as it is pronounced, but will simply say that a stranger would think Mr. Pierce abundantly supplied with grandchildren were he to witness him in a crowd of Mt. Vernon Place young people.

Brother Pierce comes from distinguished Methodist ancestry, his father being Bishop George F. Pierce who was one of the greatest preachers this continent has yet produced and who in his best days stood the peer of any preacher in the world. Those sound like extravagant words but anyone familiar with the religious history of our nation will know that they express a sober fact. The Bishop's father, Lovick Pierce, was also a distinguished preacher, lived to a great age, and was known far and wide as the Grand Old Man of Southern Methodism. The very mention of "the Pierces," as these two great men are usually referred to is still sufficient to send a thrill into the heart of any loyal Southern Methodist who is familiar with the great history of his church and glories in the triumphs of the past.

It has not fallen to the lot of our Brother Pierce to serve Church or State in as conspicuous a place as did his father and grandfather, but his service has been no less real and honorable. In the same spirit as they manifested has he always met duty, and the quiet influence of his splendid Christian life has been of inestimable value. As a young man he answered the call of Georgia for volunteers to fight her battles, for four years did honorable service in the Confederate Army, and bears in his body today the marks of that great conflict. That badge of honor, "the little bronze cross," adorns his breast today.

May his life be spared for many years yet to come—if it be in accordance with the Father's will, may the years of his life equal in number those of his grandfather "the old Doctor," whose honored name he bears!

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Mrs. Mary F. Febrey, mother of Mrs. J. Frank Shreve, died in triumphant faith on Saturday, August 1st at 7:10 p.m. Mrs. Febrey was a member of Bulin Chapel, Falls Church, Va., but for the past sixteen years has been a faithful attendant at Mt. Vernon Place Church. The funeral was conducted at her late residence, 2325 First St., the home of her daughter, by Rev. E. K. Hardin and Dr. W. V. Tudor. Interment was made in Oakmont Cemetery, Falls Church, Va.

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE CONVENTION AT BUFFALO.

Early Wednesday morning, July first, all the people of the great city of Buffalo awoke to find that something unusual was going to take place within the gates of their city, for every steamer and train brought within their walls Epworthians from all parts of these United States of ours and from our neighbor across the line, Canada. Upon our arrival we were immediately made aware of the fact that great preparations had been made for our coming for we were received with open arms, which was in keeping with Bishop Burt's formal address of welcome at the opening session Wednesday evening, when he said in part, "Our homes and our hearts are yours; our incomparable Niagara is but a symbol of our overflowing welcome."

The response to the address of welcome was ably made by the former editor of our *Epworth Era*, Rev. H. M. DuBose.

The real work of the program began Thursday morning, and there was little time for anything else from early morning until late in the evening, for each day was filled with many addresses covering all the departments of work that is being done and that can be done by the League.

Saturday afternoon, July 4th, the Leaguers gave the city of Buffalo the greatest Protestant Demonstration, in the form of a parade, it has ever had, and it stirred the hearts of the Washingtonians to the remembrance of the great World's Sunday School Convention which was held here a few years ago.

It was estimated that 15,000 Leaguers were in line, carrying as many convention pennants and flags, and singing songs of Zion as they marched through the streets, out to the Front where two great addresses were made by representatives from each end of the continent. In the evening the noted Buffalo Clef Club gave us a fine concert.

Sunday was by far the greatest day; it was one of Praise, Reflection and Decision. Every Methodist Church in the city began services with an old-time heart-thrilling Methodist love feast, followed by a sermon by one of the visiting ministers. The afternoon was devoted to three simultaneous life-work decision services, which were presided over by masters of persuasion. Many decisions were made in response to their clear-cut and earnest appeals as they dealt with the most attractive and fascinating appeal in the world, the appeal of Jesus Christ for self-forgetful disciples.

The great meetings of Sunday evening were true climaxes of the convention, and I am sure all the delegates loathed to think that the convention was over. It was the marking of another sign post in life, a mountain-top experience long to be remembered.

E. S. MATTINGLY.

THE WINDS OF FATE.

One ship sails east
And another west,
With the self-same winds that blow;
'Tis the set of the sails,
And not the gales,
Which decides the way to go.

Like the winds of the sea
Are the ways of fate,
As we voyage along through life,
'Tis the will of the soul
That decides the goal
And not the calm of the strife.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Two Irishmen, on their way home from a funeral, were conversing about the uncertainty of life. Says Pat:

"Sure and I'd give a thousand dollars, Moike, if I knew th' place where I was goin' t' die."

"Faith, Pat, and phwat good would thot do yez?"

"Begorra, I'd niver go near the place at all," says Pat.

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On September 22nd the voters of Virginia will decide whether they are content to let the saloon remain within its borders, under the protection of its laws, and annually debauch and rob large numbers of its people, or whether they shall smite the serpent on the head with state-wide prohibition. Virginia has so long been the leader in movements for good that she cannot afford to lag behind in this nation-wide fight upon the saloon and let others usurp her place. From all indications it is evident that the saloon in Virginia is doomed and let us hope that the verdict will be pronounced on September 22nd.

North Carolina is to hold a similar election in the near future and it seems that the majority of her citizens are determined that the saloon must go.

West Virginia went "dry" on July 1st and on account of there being less crime she is reducing her police force.

In Texas the Democrats nominated a man for Governor who is said to be against prohibition, but upon close analysis it will be seen that factional differences, independent of the question of prohibition, were more or less responsible for the result.

The Mt. Vernon Journal will soon have lived its first year. Its first year of existence has been one of struggle, sacrifice, and patient toil, and it is grateful to its many friends who have aided it in its infancy. It was launched for the purpose of bringing its friends in closer touch with each other and desires to be used as a medium for communicating information about which we are all interested. Its sponsors are not using it as a stepping stone to journalistic fame, but have cheerfully given of their time and money in an effort to make it something of value and interest to you. We are always ready and anxious to receive suggestions and just criticisms in order that we may improve. Your continued cooperation and support is solicited.

At this time of the year the annual election of Epworth League officers is being held almost everywhere in our Southern Methodist Churches and brings this great organization to our attention.

The Epworth League is first and foremost a school for the training of young men and young women for Christian service in the Church. While the Sunday School is the great field from which the Church recruits her membership, the Epworth League is the school from which she selects her leaders. The great majority of our pastors and Christian workers owe their early training in leadership to the Epworth League.

The membership of the Epworth League is composed largely of those who are both

young in years and in Christian experience and full of the enthusiasm of youth. Fortunately a few of the older people are within its ranks, and in such an organization the strength and vigor of youth are harmoniously blended with the wisdom and caution of old age,under the wise guardianship of the Church. The affairs of the Epworth League should be, and usually are, under the control of the young people, while the older people keep a paternal eye over them, in a tactful manner giving them wise counsel when necessary. It is essential that the officers of the Epworth League should be young people in order that they may be trained in leadership and be ready to take their place in the Church of God when called upon to fill a position of leadership and trust therein.

Much has been said about making the Epworth League attractive to the young people. This result can be accomplished by developing the social side of the League and by having something for each person to do.

In order that a League may be successful it is necessary that great care be exercised in selecting officers. It should be urged upon all Leaguers that it is a distinct honor to be chosen to fill an office in any of God's institutions, as well as a great privilege to serve. There should be a constant effort upon the part of the leaders to develop the qualties of leadership in the other Leaguers.

Each League should educate its members in League Ideals and what the Church expects of them, planting within their hearts that "All for Christ" means the very best efforts at all times in the Epworth League to promote His kingdom.

Many of the officers selected for the coming year have never before held office and are inexperienced in the work they have before them. Each Leaguer should pledge himself to give them unlimited support and aid them in every way. If this is done the yellow and white flag will proudly float over the ramparts of the enemy and the blessings of the Great Commander-in-Chief will be upon our Epworth League.

Epworth, England, July 22, 1914.

Dear Folks:

Upon the suggestion of your acting editor, I shall write you a few lines from "Merrie England."

My trip over was very pleasant and uneventful, though full of new experience. The passenger list on the "Baltic" was a notable one, including Miss Maude Adams, the actress, and other persons of almost equal note.

I left the steamer at Queenstown, Ireland, and proceeded northward, visiting Cork, the Lakes of Killarney, Limerick, Dublin, and Belfast before crossing into Scotland at Glasgow.

The poverty in Ireland is appalling, especially in Souhern Ireland. The English Government receives the blame, but in my opinion "John Barleycorn" deserves the greater credit. The Home Rule Bill is expected to remedy all of Ireland's ills, but with "John Barleycorn" still enthroned I think there will be great disappointment to many.

As you perhaps know through press dispatches, all Ireland is an armed camp. Southern Ireland is favorable to Home Rule and purposes to fight for it. Northern Ireland is opposed to Home Rule and purposes to fight for their ideas. Each side is said to have nearly 100,000 men, many well armed and drilled. However, there is a strong likelihood of a compromise which will avoid bloodshed.

Scotland is interesting and I spent five very pleasant and profitable days there, visiting the Scottish Lakes, the scene of Scott's Lady of the Lake, historic Sterling Castle, and Edinburgh with her historic castle, palace, and other places.

I came into England on the 18th instant and have thus far visited New Castle, Durham, and York, and am now at Epworth.

And to me Epworth is the most interesting place yet visited. I am within a stone's throw of Wesley's birthplace, the little market cross from which he preached about three hundred times, and the old church about four hundred years old in which he was baptized.

I cannot hope to sum up my trip of two weeks in the short space available, but expect to give a more lengthly account of my travels at a more opportune time.

The thing that has impressed me most is the unfailing politeness of the English people and the most excellent behavior of the English children.

Very truly,
FRED R. MARTIN.

The Phi Mu Sigma Sunday School Fraternity has completed its annual camp The camp was held at the old "Feeder" site, where for five consecutive years Alpha Chapter has maintained a camp. This year the camp was a joint affair, all the chapters in the city being represented, and was the most successful camp ever held by the Fraternity. The tents were arranged in a long avenue, facing the river, beginning with Alpha and extending to Omicron. The weather was ideal, and the boys had a very enjoyable time swimming, canoeing and fishing. The expert anglers kept the camp well supplied with fish. The important days at the camp were Sustaining Members' Day and Ladies' Day. On the day the Sustaining Members came out there was held an old-fashioned barbecue which was greatly enjoyed by all. Ladies' Day this year, as in all years past, was the big day. On this day the boys have the privilege of asking their relatives and sweethearts, and the response is usually very hearty. On Ladies' Day this year there were over 90 to dinner. Sunday School was held every Sunday afternoon, and was well attended, quite a number of visitors coming out from the city for the service. The officers of the camp this year were Dr. Clifton P. Clark, Supreme Master of the Fraternity, Chief and Treasurer. Mr. William H. Braund, of Alpha Chapter, Supervisor of Provisions and Cooking. Mr. Harry H. Bosley, of Gamma Chapter, Supervisor of Sanitation. Mr. Albert H. Cake, of Eta Chapter, Supervisor of Equipment. Mr. Theodore S. Cox, of Beta Chapter, Auditor.

Guests of the camp were the young men of Trinity M. E. Church, who will soon organize Iota Chapter of the Fraternity. Four other Chapters are in the course of organization. Preparations are being made for a Fraternity House; and active plans are being made for the Fall athletic events. The Fraternity has recently installed a Chapter at Palestine, Texas. Theta Chapter, composed of the young men in the Sunday School of Luther Memorial Church will be installed in the near future. Beta Chapter of Louisiana was installed on August 8th.

In the current number of the *Mt. Vernon Journal,* the newsy little parish paper published by the A. B. Pugh Class of the Sunday School of Mt. Vernon Place Church, Washington, are excellent halftones of Dr. and Mrs. W. V. Tudor. The beautiful lives of this couple, bathed in perpetual spring, are a benediction to all who are so happy as to touch them.—*Baltimore Southern Methodist,* July 23, 1914.

Mr. Henry E. Allanson has joined the First Presbyterian Church and expects to be a regular attendant there.

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NEWS NOTES

T. L. Smith is visiting his parents in Texas.

Mrs. Tudor is slowly recovering from the effects of a sprained ankle.

Miss Ophelia Bailie is visiting friends and relatives in Augusta.

Mr. A. B. Pugh recently returned from an extended trip through the West.

Miss Edna Tulloss recently returned from a vacation trip at Pen Mar.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Heartsill have been visiting relatives in Tennessee.

Miss Nessmith and Miss Riddle are spending their vacation at Rehoboth Beach Del.

Rev. E. K. Hardin expects to leave for Rock Hill, S. C., about August 17th for a vacation trip.

Mrs. J. Zachary Mizell recently returned from an extended visit with friends and relatives in Florida and Georgia.

While the Editor was on a scouting trip he discovered A. Hadley Taylor and bride camping along the Potomac near Chain Bridge.

Miss Riddle and Miss White expect to spend the last two weeks in August with the Moormans and Brownings near Lynchburg, Va.

Mr. John Wood has been visiting friends in Tennessee and Arkansas, and before returning to Washington expects to visit his father in Chicago.

Mr. E. F. Linkins has accepted a position with the Y. M. C. A. at Oak Park, a suburb of Chicago. He expects to assume his new duties about September 1st.

Mrs. C. L. Ebaugh, Ruth, and Charles are visiting relatives and friends in Pike and Montgomery Counties, Mo. They expect to return to Washington about October 1st.

For the past few months Mr. Burton has been traveling for the Bureau of Corporations on special investigation work. Mrs. Burton is accompaning Mr. Burton.

On Sunday morning, July 19th, Miles Glenn, the infant daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Hardin, was baptized. Dr. Tudor performed the service, using water from the river Jordan.

Mr. Henry O. Martin, a brother of Arthur E. and Luther H. Martin, has accepted a government position here. Mr. Martin arrived here from Alabama on July 29th with his wife and little daughter.

The Journal refrains from making any comment in this issue upon the stirring events in Europe because the subject is pretty thoroughly handled in the daily papers. The Editor is now in England and when he returns he may consent to give you a bit of the inside history of the controversy.

A letter recently received from S. W. Rogers of Conway, Ark.,states that he is teaching a class of fine young men in the Methodist Sunday School there. After leaving Washington Mr. Rogers married Miss Eliza Killian of Greenville, S. C., and their daughter, Mary Joe, is seven months old. Mr. Rogers expects to be in Washington the latter part of October.

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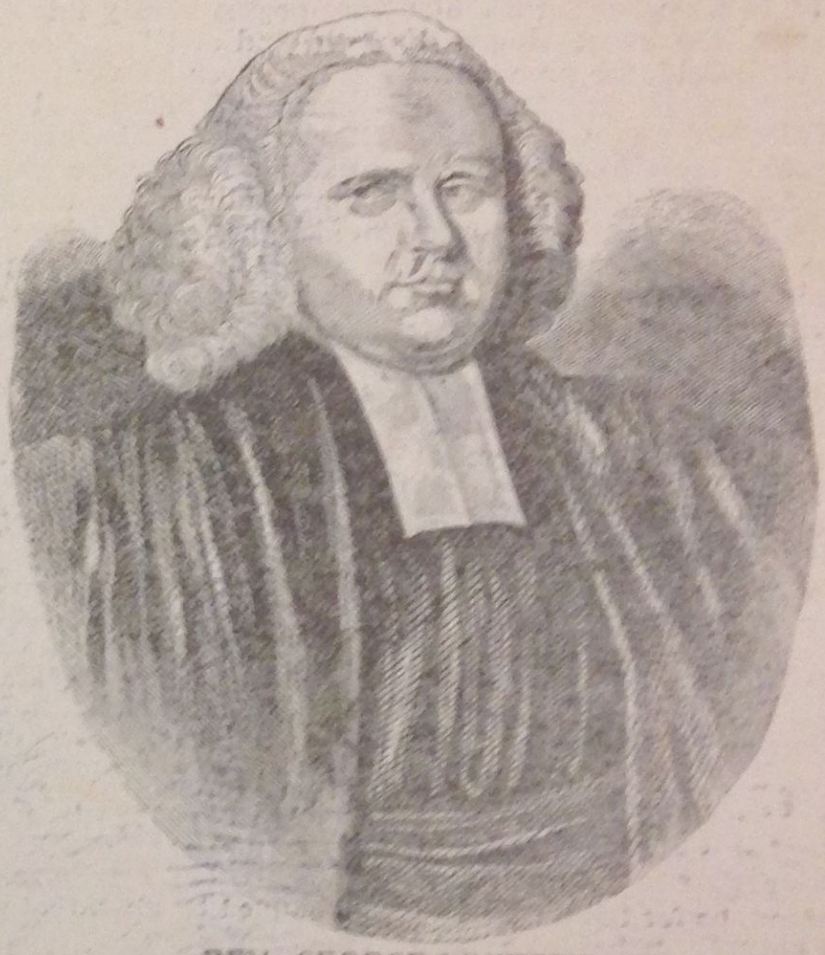

REV. GEORGE WHITEFIELD
Born December 16, 1714. Died September 30, 1770

GEORGE WHITEFIELD—MIGHTY APOSTLE OF CHRIST.

By Rev. E. K. Harris.

It will be a sad day for the Methodist Church when her people forget or grow indifferent to her glorious history and the record of her mighty men. High up in Methodism's list of noble worthies stands the name of George Whitefield—mighty apostle, flaming evangelist, great preacher! The two hundredth anniversary of his birth falls on the sixteenth day of this month (some historians declare the 27th to be the correct date, but the weight of authority seems to be for the 16th) and the event will be celebrated on the preceding Sunday by hundreds of sermons and addresses dealing with the thrilling life story of this marvelous man. The object of this article is not to attempt a review of Whitefield's life and labors but simply to call attention to this anniversary so that interested readers may avail themselves of the opportunity to learn more of this wonderful preacher. All the leading religious periodicals are carrying appropriate articles.

The association of Whitefield with the Wesleys began at Oxford—these three young men were the divinely chosen instruments who were to inaugurate the great movement afterwards to be called Methodism. In after years an estrangement between the Wesleys and Whitefield arose over a difference in theological belief but their friendship proved to be too strong

to be beaten thus and they were fast friends until death separated them. It was the organizing genius of John Wesley that really molded Methodism but it was a wise provision of an over-ruling Providence that there should be associated with him his brother Charles, the sweet singer of Methodism, and Whitefield, the preeminent preacher.

The zeal of Whitefield was a consuming one. Nothing could keep him from his loved employ. And he preached with tremendous conviction. Lecky the historian says that "of no other preacher could it be more truly said that he preached as a dying man to dying men."

Marvelous stories are told of his oratorical powers. Benjamin Franklin, who usually kept his head under all circumstances, relates an interesting occurrence in his Autobiography, "I happened to attend one of his sermons, in the course of which I perceived he intended to finish with a collection and I silently resolved he should get nothing from me. I had in my pocket a handful of copper money, three or four silver dollars, and five pistoles in gold. As he proceeded, I began to soften, and concluded to give the copper. Another stroke of his oratory made me ashamed of that, and determined me to give the silver; and he finished so admirably, that I emptied my pocket wholly into the collector's dish, gold and all!"

Wherever he went thousands flocked to hear him. Rich and poor, learned—unlearned—all alike hung upon his words. Like his Master the common people heard him gladly. An unnumbered multitude under the presentation of the truth by him turned from sin to righteousness. Many shining trophies did he win for his Lord.

Oh, for a passion like his—a passion for the salvation of men!

Mrs. J. Frank Shreve has returned from Detroit, Michigan, where she visited her son, Mr. R. F. Shreve. Mrs. Shreve was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Francis P. Heartsill.

Mr. C. L. Pofford, of the Pugh Class, has returned from a visit of a month to his former home, Camden, Tenn.

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"So hallowed and so gracious is the time."—Shakespeare.

"Treading divinely the path of the Holy Nazarine hath made for us—is to serve,—and this is my Father's business.—Mary H. Jones.

"Christ's peace is not a superficial peace to be put on as an outside garment, nor is it a result obtained through gratification of worldly desires and ambitions."—Syllogisms.

PEACE.

The war era has been ended in the United States and is drawing toward its close in foreign lands; the convulsions through which Europe now is passing are but the death throes of militarism. We are entering upon a new age in which freedom will be given new interpretations and bravery find new forms of expression. Let no one think that the texture of our manhood would be of a lower quality when its strength no longer is tested by the stress of war. Instead of seeking to extend our territory by the sword, we are enlarging it by intelligent cultivation of the soil; instead of measuring our merit by the number we can overcome, we estimate greatness by the service rendered.—President Wilson.

SOLDIERS TWO.

A minister one day got into conversation with an Irish soldier who happened to be stationed in San Antonio, and of whom he asked several questions as to what regiment he was in, and so forth. Ultimately Pat thought it was his turn to ask a few questions. "Now," said he, "I'd like to know what you are?" "I'm a soldier, too," said the minister. "And what regiment are you in, and where is it stationed?" The minister, pointing towards the sky, said: "My regiment is in heaven." "Oh, man," replied Pat, "sure ye're a long way from the barracks."

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"Away," said the lecturer, "with the men who preach the 'All's well with the world' idea! Conservatives, reactionaries, whatever you choose to call them, they block progress.

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The season that should be the most joyous of all the year is near at hand, and despite the bloody strife that literally shakes half the world, there are many reasons why we are and should be happy. We in America should be happiest over the fact of our ability to help a bleeding and struggling world.

Despite this apparent setback to the civilization which dates back to Him whose birth we are soon to celebrate, there are many things to indicate the coming of a nation really Christian in character. This awful war only illustrates the failure of man-made philosophy to prevent wars. Christian civilization must have a deeper root than mere philosophy or humanitarianism.

January first, 1915, will hardly find John Barleycorn the possessor of bright, hopes for a "happy and prosperous new year." Even "barbarous" Russia has dismissed him from her mighty armies, and he is outlawed in her military districts. England is discouraging "treating" in her armies, and is now seeking methods to curb the use of intoxicants at home. In America the honor roll states now number fourteen, and 1915 will most likely see this number increased materially.

How fast people and nations are learning that John Barleycorn is no fit associate for a real man who has a real man's work to do in a busy world.

MILITARISM AND CHRISTIANITY.

"It is difficult to conceive a position more full of misery than that of the present Christian world with its nations armed one against the other with its inevitable and ever-increasing taxes for maintenance of its ever-increasing armaments, with its growing hatred of the working classes for the wealthy; with war hanging over all like the sword of Damocles, ready to fall at any moment as it must inevitably do sooner or later."

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RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father, in His Infinite Wisdom, has seen fit to call home our beloved friend, co-worker, and classmate, Mrs. C. L. Ebaugh, after she had patiently endured a long period of suffering; therefore, be it resolved:

FIRST, That in her death the Delta Alpha Class lost one of its beloved and valued members, and that each member feels the personal loss of a friend;

SECONDLY, That while her death is a distinct loss to the Class, we bow our heads in humble submission to the Supreme Will of our Loving Father and render Him our thanks for her life and influence while in our midst;

THIRDLY, That our hearts go out in Christian sympathy to the bereaved husband and family, and that we extend to them the comfort of God's promise that all His people will meet again when He gathers them home;

FOURTHLY, That these resolutions be recorded in the Minute Book of the Delta Alpha Class, a copy be sent to the bereaved family, and copies forwarded to the *Southern Methodist* and *Mount Vernon Journal* for publication.

THE DELTA ALPHA CLASS,
By
J. ORA TOLBERT,
MRS. MINNIE R. FARR,
MISS INA POPE,
Committee.

MEN'S SOCIETY.

The Men's Society of Mount Vernon Place Church held its meeting for December on the evening of Tuesday, December 1, at which time the Honorable D. C. Roper, First Assistant Postmaster General, delivered an illustrated lecture on "Cotton," and Mrs. Lydia A. Williams, of the Forest Service, spoke on "The Life of a Forest Ranger," illustrating her lecture with more than one hundred views. Both of the speakers handled their respective subjects splendidly, and those present were well entertained and instructed. A rising vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Roper and Mrs. Williams.

The next meeting of the Society will be that for the month of January, on Tuesday evening, January 12th.

PHI MU SIGMA NOTES.

The Phi Mu Sigma Fraternity announces the receipt of a petition for a charter from the young men in the Sunday School Class of Mr. Gerstavus A. Weber at St. Paul M. E. Church, South, this city. Mr. Weber is one of the incorporators of the "Knights of King Arthur," and is a prominent settlement worker in this city and Richmond, and has also given much time to the playground work. The signers of the petition are Russell Glenn Slicer, Carlton Brown Wilcox, Francis M. Weadon, Jr., Louis Sinclair Grigsby, Lowry N. Coe,

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William M. Weadon, Conway P. Coe, R. L. Cramer, Allan H. Perley and W. Earl Archibald. At "St. Paul" is also located "Epsilon" Chapter, one of the largest and most active chapters in the fraternity.

"Alpha Chapter of Pennsylvania" located at Clearfield, Pa., was organized during the past week, with the election of the following officers: John C. Graham, President; Preston J. Knight, Vice President; Walter Kennard, Secretary; Walter Flegal, Assistant Secretary; Thomas Wallace, Treasurer; Millard Phillips, Historian and "Mike" Shirey, Marshall.

"Kappa" Chapter of this city located at "Calvary" M. E. Church, South, Georgetown, D. C., organized last week, with the election of the following officers: James Merritt Maupin, President; W. Earl Brewton, Vice President; Stephen W. Smoot, Secretary; Harry L. Morgan, Assistant Secretary; John Jennings Fields, Treasurer; Wallace W. Walter, Historian, and William H. Smoot, Marshal.

"Lambda" Chapter of this city, located at St. Paul English Lutheran Church, organized last week, with the election of the following officers: Louis J. Schultz, President; Olin N. Griffith, Secretary; H. Spengler, Treasurer; William H. Towne, Historian, and Edwin H. Johnson, Marshall.

"Iota" Chapter of this city located at "Trinity" M. E. Church, organized Friday night, and elected officers.

All of the chapters in the city have taken joint rooms at 931 G Street, and are busy fitting them up. "Zeta" Chapter was the first to occupy the rooms, putting a candidate through the mysteries of the order on Wednesday night. It is expected to have the rooms in condition to give a "house warming" to the friends of the fraternity during the Christmas holidays.

The Supreme Master of the Fraternity will gratefully receive good magazines or books for the Fraternity Rooms, as well as any other donations in the way of furniture, rugs, pillows, etc., to make the rooms comfortable and attractive for the boys.

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The next bi-monthly meeting of the Epworth League Union will be held on Friday afternoon and evening, December 18th, at St. Paul M. E. Church, South. The afternoon session will be devoted to Junior League and First Department work, while the evening service will be evangelistic.

On Tuesday, December 1st, Miss Eleanor Hollyday and Mr. Joel B. Eggleston were united in marriage. Both the bride and groom have a host of friends at Mount Vernon Place Church and elsewhere. Mr. Eggleston is First Vice President of the Epworth League, a member of Dr. Clark's Sunday School Class, and a member of the Phi Mu Sigma Fraternity.

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The Flying Squadron of America is scheduled to make an aerial attack on the saloons of Washington on December 12-13-14. This squadron will be under the command of ex-Governor Hanly of Indiana, with headquarters at Calvary Baptist Church.

The Pastor and congregation at Mount Vernon Place Church are planning a series of evangelistic meetings to begin with the watch night service. Arrange to attend every one of these meetings.

The luncheon given by the ladies of Mount Vernon Place Church at the Old Masonic Temple was a splendid success, and the net proceeds are from $100 to $130.

Dr. [illegible] Prettyman gave his illustrated [illegible] Holy Land at the church on [illegible]ing, December 8. The entire proceeds were given for the benefit of the Sunday School for foreigners.

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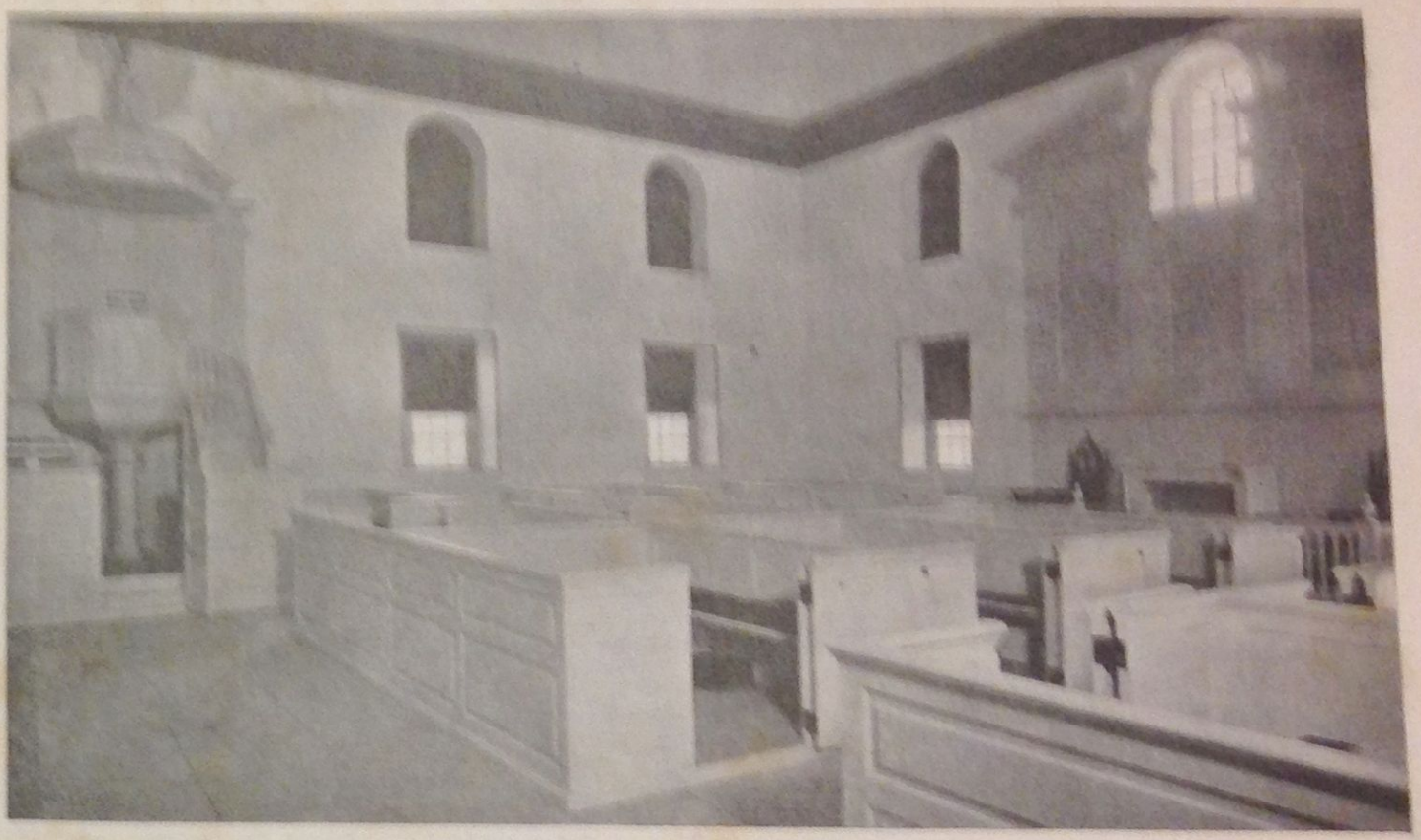

INTERIOR VIEW OF POHICK CHURCH

POHICK CHURCH

The original Pohick Church was probably built in the early part of the eighteenth century, at any rate Augustine Washington, father of our first president, was a vestryman there in 1735. Therefore the supposition that George Washington was baptised in this old church is very reasonable, although it is some distance from his birth place in Westmorland County. The old family Bible of the Washington family only has this statement: "George Washington, son to Augustine Washington and Mary his wife, was born ye 11th day of February (old style calendar), 1731-2, about ten in the morning, and was baptised the 3rd of April following."

The original church was about two miles south of the present Pohick Church. According to the late Bishop Meade, the present church was built in 1773, at which time Washington was a vestryman and had much to do with the change of sites, although opposed to him was George Mason, also of Revolutionary fame. Pohick continued to be the church of the Washingtons for some years, but at some time prior to 1785, he adopted Christ Church, Alexandria, as his church home, as on this date he was a pew holder there.

At this time there is a campaign on to secure contributions for an endowment fund for the preservation of this old land-

mark, and under the direction of Rev. Samuel A. Wallis, of Alexandria, a patriotic committee will lend every effort to this end. Patriotic Americans should aid in the splendid work in every way possible.

GOOD RULES.

A well know weekly sums up President Wilson's address to the American Electric Railway Association, at their annual meeting in this city last month, as follows:

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THE NEW CHURCH.

The New Church Commission, of which the following are members: Bishop Warren A. Candler, Bishop J. C. Kilgo, Bishop J. H. McCoy, Dr. W. F. McMurry and Dr. Geo. S. Sexton, met in this city on Wednesday, the tenth instant. Various matters were disposed of, but the most important matter, so far as the Mt. Vernon people are concerned, was the appointment of a special committee to make preliminary arrangements so that actual construction may be begun at the earliest time consistent with conservative business methods. This special committee is composed of the following: Dr. W. F. McMurry, as the representative of the commission, and Rev. E. K. Hardin and Mr. J. E. Baird, as representatives of the local committee.

The commission also directed its secretary, Dr. Sexton, to have the plans for the new church perfected in several minor details, and to have the architects prepare a number of blue prints of the same.

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THE MID-WINTER SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE.

Brother A. L. Dietrich, former Superintendent of our Sunday School, now Sunday School Field Secretary of the Baltimore Conference, made his Washington debut in his new position through the Sunday School Institute held in our Church on Wednesday, February 10th. This institute was one of a chain of such meetings held under Brother Dietrich's planning and occurring, in accordance with his characteristic energy, in what might be termed whirlwind succession. The first was held in Roanoke, Va., on Tuesday the 9th; the second in Washington, on Wednesday the 10th, as stated; the third in Baltimore, on Thursday the 11th, and the fourth in Alexandria, Va., on Friday the 12th.

While the meetings were considered as somewhat in the nature of an experiment, they were, without exception, a pronounced success. At our Washington meeting, about 100 delegates registered at the day sessions. These included 42 from outside the city and 20 preachers. No record was made of the attendance at the mass meeting in the evening, but the church auditorium was well filled with a fine audience.

The speakers included, besides Mr. Dietrich, Rev. Chas. D. Bulla, D. D., formerly a teacher in our school and now Superintendent of the Wesley Bible Class Department of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; Mr. J. M. Way, of Spartansburg, South Carolina, Field Secretary for the Atlantic Division; our own Superintendent, Mr. W. W. Millan, Dr. A. L. Howard, and Rev. F. M. Richardson.

In the afternoon, the institute was divided into four sections for conference purposes. In the Elementary section Mrs. C. H. Gray, Mrs. H. B. Moulton, Mrs. M. E. Morley, Mrs. William R. Potter, Mrs. John E. Dawson, Miss Esther Woodward, Miss Elizabeth Townsend and Miss Mary Wright took part in the programme. The sessions were presided over by our pastor, Rev. E. K. Hardin, Dr. H. P. Hamill and Mr. Millan. All our pastors in the city assisted in the devotional part of the programme.

The Men's Society of the Church held their February meeting on the evening of Tuesday the ninth, at which time a number of interesting motion pictures were shown. The March meeting will be on the evening of Tuesday, March 9, at which time it is expected that District Commissoner Brownlow will be a guest of the Society. Further details of this meeting will be announced later.

Mrs. Ira B. Conklin, a long time member of the Mt. Vernon Place congregation, died at two o'clock Monday morning, the 8th instant. She was survived by her husband and one son, who have the sympathy of a large number of friends and acquaintances. Interment was at her old home in Missouri.

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"Entered as second-class matter, November 30, 1913, at the Post Office at Washington, D. C., under the Act of March 3, 1879."

The Epworth Leagues of the two great branches of American Methodism deserve much credit for their efforts to create a greater spirit of brotherhood and unity amongst the Methodists of America, thereby materially aiding the movement toward union. Without such a spirit the union of the several bodies of American Methodists into one great church is impracticable even if possible.

A case in point is the joint mass meeting to be held on Sunday, February 21, in this city, in celebration of the births of two great Americans, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. It is altogether fitting that the names of these two men should be linked together in such a manner, for it was Washington's leadership in a great revolution that made America free, and it was Lincoln's leadership in opposition to a great revolution that kept America united. Both men were of Southern parentage, but for all that they were American in every sense of the word. True to every conviction, either one of them would have died gladly rather than yield to that which they did not believe right, or for the good of their country.

The greatness of both men has been often conceded by men who held opposite views. The name of Washington is revered even in England, and some of the finest tributes to Lincoln's greatness have come from men who fought in the Confederate armies. Appreciation of true greatness knows no section or racial lines.

We firmly believe that our friends of the North would join with us of the South in honoring the great name of Robert E. Lee, also deserving to rank as a truly great American. Like the other great Americans named, some of the finest tributes to Lee's manhood have come from men who opposed him in battle.

America is rich in heroes, but not so rich as to warrant her people in failing to do full honor to each and every one of them. No country ever has been or ever will be. To think that it is simply marks the beginning of the end.

Methodism honors herself in honoring the memory of "Fanny Crosby," who died in her home in Bridgeport, Connecticut, on February 12. She was a member of the Methodist Church, and her bright Christian life was reflected in her many hymns, said to number from six to eight thousand. Mrs. Frances Crosby Van Alstyne was born in Putnam County, New York, March 24, 1820, and was blind from babyhood.

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NEWS NOTES.

A successful four-weeks' revival was brought to a close at Mt. Vernon Place Church on January 31st. As a result of these meetings about 40 persons joined Church on Sunday, February 7th.

The Annual Social of the Epworth League Union will be held in the Church Parlors at Mt. Vernon Place Church on February 22nd.

Mr. S. P. Carden, of St. Paul M. E. Church, South, is preparing himself to become a medical missionary.

The ladies will give a tea at the home of Mrs. Bailey, 1307 P St., N. W., on Wednesday, February 24, from 3 to 5 o'clock. The silver offering at the door will be applied to the New Church fund of the Missionary Society.

You are invited to attend the Epworth League Mass Meeting at Poli's Theater, on February 21st. Admission free.

Miss Nina Duvoll, of Farmville, Virginia, is a visitor in our city.

A great many people have recently joined the Church and Sunday School. Have you gone out of your way to make them feel at home?

One of the very important things the Mount Vernon Place Epworth League is undertaking is the support of a Native Missionary Helper in Japan. If you are desirous of having the gospel of Jesus Christ rule in Japan, the leader of the Orient, contribute two cents a week to this cause.

The New Piano has not been completely paid for, although some people by failing to contribute seem to indicate that they think otherwise.

Mr. T. L. Smith, one of our most popular young men, expects to leave for Texas the latter part of February. However, it is likely that he will return in about 6 months.

Mr. J. O. Reed, of the Pugh Class, has been assigned to duty at the San Francisco Exposition with the exhibit of the Department of Commerce.

The Mount Vernon Conference Committee are rapidly completing plans for the entertainment of the delegates and visitors to the Baltimore Conference, to be held here beginning on Wednesday, March 24. Bishop Warren A. Candler is to be the presiding bishop of the conference, and it is expected that Bishop A. W. Wilson, of Baltimore, and Bishop Collins Denny, of Richmond, will be guests of the conference. Altogether it is expected that this conference will be one long to be remembered, as well as the last one to be held in the old church building that has so long been the home of the Mt. Vernon congregation.

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PHI MU SIGMA NOTES.

"Alpha" Chapter of Arkansas was granted a charter on January 22d. The location of this Chapter is at Conway, Arkansas, where are located the State Normal School and Hendrix College. Mr. Dean D. McBrien, a teacher in the State Normal, was instrumental in placing this Chapter. While visiting this city last Summer he noticed the working of the Fraternity, and enlisted himself in its propagation. Mr. McBrien is Editor of the *Sigma Phi Epsilon Journal*. The petition is signed by the Pastor of the M. E. Church, South, the Superintendent of the Sunday School, two Hendrix College professors, two State Normal professors; the other signers are students of the above mentioned colleges.

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the District of Columbia the following new Sustaining Members were approved: "Beta," T. K. Bryant and C. B. Sornborger. "Delta," Van W. Roberts, Benj. F. Seaton and Frank N. Long. "Epsilon," J. D. Ashford and D. H. Johnson. "Omicron," Rev. Lucius C. Clark, Harry A. Havens and Wm. H. Keen. "Mu," Rev. Francis M. McCoy and Bruce Baer. "Zeta," Edward E. Clement. "Iota," A. A. Chapin and Miller Dixon.

The following were elected as officers of "Alpha" Chapter of Wisconsin, thereby becoming Grand State Officers of Wisconsin: Lester Hiedeman, president; Ewald Stremmer, vice-president; Robert Hoag, secretary; Harold Cole, treasurer; Roy Porter, assistant secretary; Roscoe Conklin, historian; and Merle Freeman, marshal.

At the recent Revival Services we were glad to see several of the Fraternity members unite with the Church, both on profession of faith and by letter.

The initial step for the Annual Camp has been taken, and promises to be the largest camp in the history of the Fraternity. There is much talk of building a permanent Camp Lodge.

"SOUTHERN METHODIST CLUB."

The suggestion has been made that, coincidentally with the realization of the representative church dream which now seems at hand, it would be an undertaking well worth while to organize in Washington, a "Southern Methodist Club." Already the Men's Society of Mount Vernon Place Church has had the matter presented to it in a formal way, by a motion offered at the November meeting by Hon. A. B. Pugh, and unanimously adopted, to the effect that a special committee be appointed to canvass the situation and make a report. The proposed committee has not as yet been named, but no doubt will be in a short time.

It is obvious that such an organization, whether composed exclusively of men, or of men and women, would have a most interesting field. The idea that has been suggested is that the club be composed of Southern Methodists residing in Washington and vicinity, as active members, and that honorary membership be conferred upon such other members of the connection as the active organization may elect to that honor. Details have not been thoroughly considered, but one of the suggestions has been that the club, if formed, make it a large part of its business to promote the study of church history and the lives of Methodist leaders.

Both in the way of social intercourse among Washington Methodists, and in the promotion of a better understanding of what Methodism generally, and Southern Methodism in particular, has stood for and accomplished, a "Southern Methodist Club" ought to be a strong and interesting organization.

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Sidney Lanier was born in Macon, Ga., February 3, 1842, of American parents of English-Scotch origin. At a very early age he displayed a love of good reading, and as mere boy became proficient on a number of musical instruments. At fifteen he entered the sophomore class of Oglethorpe College, near Milledgeville, Ga., from which institution he graduated in 1860.

For a few months he was employed as a tutor at Oglethorpe College, but relinquished this service to join the Confederate Army in April, 1861. He saw active service until 1863, when he was transferred to a blockade runner as a signal officer, soon thereafter to be taken prisoner upon the capture of his ship. From a prison in Virginia he walked to his home in Georgia in 1865.

Following the war, Lanier engaged in a number of occupations in as many States: teacher, lawyer, hotel clerk, musician, and finally, in 1879, he was appointed to a lectureship on literary subjects at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, which he filled until a short time before his death, which occurred September 7, 1881, at Lynn, N. C.

The poet has often been called "the sweet singer of the South," and R. E. Burton said: "He is now seen more clearly every day to be the most important native singer the Southern United States has produced, and one of the most distinctive and lovely of American singers wherever born."

The following verses will give a fair idea of Lanier's style:

MY SPRINGS.

In the heart of the Hills of Life, I know
Two springs that with unbroken flow
Forever pour their lucent streams
Into my soul's far Lake of Dreams.

Not larger than two eyes, they lie
Beneath the many changing sky
And mirror all life and time,
—Serene and dainty pantomime.

Always when Faith with stifling stess
Of grief hath died in bitterness,
I gaze in my two springs and see
A Faith that smiles immortally.

When Labor faints, and Glory fails,
And coy reward in sighs exhales,
I gaze in my two springs and see
Attainment full and heavenly.

O Love, O wife, thine eyes are they,
—My springs from out whose shining gray
Issue the sweet celestial streams
That feed my life's bright Lake of Dreams.

Dear eyes, dear eyes and rare complete—
Being heavenly-sweet and earthly-sweet,
—I marvel that God made you mine,
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THE BALTIMORE CONFERENCE

By W. W. Millan.

A bright young member of our church asked me why the coming session of the Baltimore Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is referred to as the one hundred and thirty-first session of that body. He was aware of the fact that the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was not formed until after the separation of 1844, hence his confusion. It may be that others are likewise puzzled.

The history of Methodist Conferences in America begins with July 4, 1773, when a meeting was held in the city of Philadelphia. There were then ten preachers and 1,160 members in the "society" in America. The record of these early conferences, which were held annually from the first, refers to them as "Some Conversations Between the Preachers in Connexion with the Reverend Mr. John Wesley." The chief concern of the first conference, as indicated by the questions asked and answered in its minutes, seems to have been to definitely declare its loyalty to Mr. Wesley and its allegiance to the work organized and directed by him.

Methodism in America grew apace. At the Conference of 1784, the figures reported were 83 preachers and 14,088 members.

During the War of the Revolution, the

question of a separation from the English Methodism became a vital one, and, with the political separation of the American colonies from the mother country finally established and recognized, it grew more and more acute. Definite plans for separating took shape with a letter from Mr. Wesley to the brethren in America, dated at Bristol, England, September 10, 1784, in which he announced the appointment of Dr. Thomas Coke and Mr. Francis Asbury as superintendents of the church in America. Following this, a conference was held at Lovely Lane Meeting House in Baltimore, beginning on Christmas Day, 1784. This meeting, familiarly known in Methodist history as the Christmas Conference, is now considered as the first General Conference of our Church in America. The year 1784 is recognized, officially, as the date of our birth as a church.

The first session of the Baltimore Conference, the Mother Conference of America, under the new order, was held at Baltimore on ~~May~~ June 1, 1785. We get our 131st session by numbering consecutively from that date.

From the beginning, the question of slavery was a source of agitation and discussion in the ranks of the church and the ministry. As early as 1780, the Conference had declared that slavery is "contrary to the laws of God, and man, and nature, and hurtful to society, contrary to the dictates of conscience and pure religion." Questions growing out of this agitation led to a division of the church at the General Conference of 1844, and to the formation of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which held its first General Conference in 1846. The Baltimore Conference, at its session held in Baltimore, March 11, 1846, *Resolved*, that "We continue to regard ourselves a constituent part of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States." A further resolution adopted at the same time declared "It is also determined not to hold connection with any ecclesiastical body that shall make non-slave-holding a condition of membership in the church."

The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held at Buffalo in 1860, adopted a further chapter on slavery which, in the opinion of a majority of the brethren of the Baltimore Conference put it in

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modern parlance, up against the resolutions of 1846. The session of the Conference for 1861 met at Staunton, Virginia, March 13th, with the storms of war about to break. Its deliberations were prolonged for 13 days. By vote it repudiated the action of the General Conference on slavery and declared "That we will no longer submit to the jurisdiction of said General Conference, but hereby declare ourselves separate and independent of it, still claiming to be, notwithstanding, an integral part of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

The result of this was, substantially, that during the years of the Civil War the old Baltimore Conference was broken into three parts.

The first represented the Virginia and (now) West Virginia portions of the work. Here conferences were held at Harrisonburg, Va., in 1862, Churchville, Va., in 1863, Bridgewater, Va., in 1864, and Salem, Va., in 1865.

The second consisted of a small group of preachers who ministered to the sympathizers and adherents of the Southern Church in Baltimore City and a few other places in Maryland but were cut off by the war from communication with the brethren in Virginia.

The third consisted of those who from political or other considerations adhered to the Methodist Episcopal Church and constituted the Baltimore Conference of that Church.

The first session of the Conference after the return of peace was held in Alexandria, Va., February 7, 1866, Bishop Early of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, presided, by invitation of the Conference. The Baltimore City brethren were present. They, like the Virginia brethren, had held a Conference each year during the war. The official historian of these meetings in telling of a visit of Bishop Early to Baltimore, in 1865, naively remarks that "He made no movement official or otherwise, to influence our churches towards the M. E. Church, South." Perhaps the Bishop was administering "silent treatment" in Baltimore and in Virginia as well, and that most effectively. At the Alexandria session, on the 2nd day, February 8, 1866, it was unanimously *Resolved*, that "We do hereby unite with and adhere to the M. E. Church South."

At the last Quarterly Conference of the present conference year five new members were added to the official Board of Mt. Vernon Place Church for the conference year 1915-16, as follows: J. H. Pile, T. H. Daniel, B. J. Laws, J. O. Tolbert and F. R. Martin.

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From *The Star*, March 3, 1875—

"The Baltimore Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South was convened at the Mount Vernon Place Church this morning, and was called to order by Rev. Bishop Marvin." * * * * * *

"Bishop Marvin gave some hints to tobacco chewing ministers, stating that there had been no spittoons provided, and he trusted that none of the members would be guilty of chewing in the church, he suggested that if any came with tobacco in their mouths, and found it neeessary to spit, that they would use their hats in preference to the church carpets."

From *The Star*, March 5, 1875—

"The Bishop addressed the class as to their duties, calling attention to the importance of training children, stating that the doctrine 'train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it' was the proper one. It is said that the children of preachers were often wicked, and some children of christians are allowed to get three-fourths of their training on the street."

"Tonight the Mount Vernon Church will be the scene of one of those fine entertainments given by the Sunday School for which it has become so well known."

From *The Star*, March 9, 1875—

"The committee on memoirs submitted their report, embracing obituary sketches of Revs. W. S. Baird, who died on the 13th of August last, Richard S. Shreve, and others. Rev. Mr. Carsen, at the suggestion of the Bishop, gave some of the particulars of the death of Rev. W. S. Baird, near Winchester, at which he was present. Mr. Carsen said that among his words, when he was informed by the physician that he could not live, were the following: 'I would like to live to stand up in the pulpit again, and I feel that I could preach better then than I have ever done before.'"

From *The Star*, March 10, 1875—

"The statistics of the Washington district are as follows: 17 local preachers, 4,775 white members, 35 colored members, 54 churches, 65 Sunday Schools, 549 teachers, 3,459 scholars."

From *The Star*, March 11, 1875—

"The appointments were announced as follows, and the doxology having been sung, the benediction was given by the Bishop, and the audience retired."

Prominent among the active members of the Conference are found the names of Rev. A. W. Wilson, now our senior bishop, and then pastor of Mt. Vernon Place Church, Rev. J. W. Duffy, Rev. J. W. Canter, Rev. W. C. Coe, and other names familiar to Mount Vernon Place Church's members of today.

AN EXCITING ACCIDENT.

The small boy who was visiting on his grandfather's farm sent his mother the following letter:

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MEN'S SOCIETY.

Commissioner Louis Brownlow, who was a regular attendant and member of the A. B. Pugh Class of Mount Vernon Place Sunday School before he became a globe-trotter, delivered a most interesting talk before the members of the Men's Society at their March meeting on the 9th, on "The Church and the City." He pointed out that there is in Washington a special field for the men's organizations to engage in civic and semipolitical activities, inasmuch as the citizens' associations and commercial organizations have their particular interests to represent. There is not, he pointed out, a method by which the church people of the city can reach the commissioners and through the commissioners the Congress, with their influence in behalf of the higher interests of the city. This, he showed, could be profitably undertaken by the men's clubs of the various churches. He was careful to state that he had no intention to say that the church people should make any united effort to create and perfect a vote-getting and job-securing machine.

Mr. Brownlow stated that it was his belief that if the church would undertake to carry its religious activities out along sociological and civic lines, and would work at the undertaking seven days in the week out in the city, instead of one day in the week within the walls of the church, there would soon be a cessation of the comment in the religious press as to why the church is not attracting the people of the city as it should. There would be plenty to do, he said, and it would create interest that would naturally attract people.

At the close of Mr. Brownlow's remarks, Mr. J. T. Petty, assistant auditor of the District, was prevailed upon to make a short talk, and recounted some of his early experiences in Washington which were of great interest. Refreshments were served as the closing number on the program. About 50 men were present.

Dr. McKim, of Epiphany Episcopal Church, recently observed "Men's Sunday," on which the men of the parish were especially urged to attend the evening service. The object of this innovation was to promote a revival of the church going habit on the part of the men.

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For the sixth time since the establishment of Mount Vernon Place Church, the Baltimore Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will soon convene in the historic edifice. In their entertainment of the Conferences of the past our people have gained a reputation for hospitality and cordiality. Our visitors are assured that this reputation will be maintained, and that the members of the several churches of Southern Methodism in Washington will take genuine pleasure and pride in having them with us. Our hearts and homes are open to them, and their wishes will be to us commands.

INCONSISTENCY.

One of our daily papers deserves credit for its campaign against the sale of certain harmful drugs. We would suggest, however, that it would be a mark of unselfishness and patriotism if it would refuse, as it has not done heretofore to accept advertising matter offered by saloons and sellers of patent medicines. The harmful effect of alcohol is no less well known than that of the drugs against which the campaign is conducted, and some of the medicines advertised are at least under suspicion. A fine example of unselfish public service is that of a Seattle druggist, who displays this sign: "Please don't ask us what patent medicines are worth. The question embarrasses us, as they are generally worthless."

A BORROWED EDITORIAL.

A very interesting series of meetings was held in Washington this month in connection with the annual meeting of the National Consumers' League. It was this organization which was primarily responsible for securing the passage of an eight-hour law for women in the District of Columbia, and the next step toward which they are working is a minimum wage law for women. Perhaps the keynote of all the meetings was the desire to see social justice take the place of charity. One of the speakers, Miss Jean Gordon, of Louisiana, told an illuminating story of a conversation with a friend who was telling her of some new charity which had been started in New Orleans. "Oh," Miss Gordon said, "I am so tired of charity. I want to see justice." "But my dear," said her horrified friend, "how do you expect to save your own soul if you have no poor to help?"

Do we not all of us at times try to disclaim our own share of responsibility for the social injustice in the world by dwelling on the charitable work we are doing?—*Mt. Pleasant News.*

"Son, if you want a sure crop and a big yield sow wild oats."—*Josh Billings.*

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NEWS NOTES.

Mr. R. T. McCarty was called to Delaplane, Va., because of the serious illness of his father, who resides there.

Mr. L. H. Martin has accepted a position in the Office of Markets, Department of Agriculture.

Mr. T. H. Eickhoff will soon leave for Indianapolis, his native city, where he will engage in the practive of law. In making his adieu to the Pugh Class, of which he has long been a member, Mr. Eickhoff said that the Mt. Vernon Sunday School was the first attended by him, and that his association with it had been a great benefit to him.

Mr. Harry L. Brooks, formerly a member of the A. B. Pugh Class, has been elected President of the Epworth League Union in Mobile, Ala. Our best wishes for his success go out to him, and we are sure that the training he received in the A. B. Pugh Class will be of the utmost value to him in his new work.

The Delta Alpha Sunday School Class gave a benefit entertainment on March 10th for the benefit of one of its members who was compelled to leave the city sometime ago on account of ill health. A very pleasing program was rendered, and the amount taken in was $100. The Class extends its heartfelt thanks to everyone who by their generosity made the entertainment a success.

Rev. Robert J. Patterson of Belfast, Ireland, known as "Catch-My-Pal Patterson," delivered a lecture at the First Congregational Church on Sunday afternoon, March 14th, to an enthusiastic audience. He addressed another audience at Mount Vernon Place Church in the evening. These meetings were held under the auspices of the National Good Citizenship Movement, the Christian Endeavor Union, the Washington District Epworth League, The Epworth League Union, Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., Baptists Young People's Union, W. C. T. U., and other organizations in the interest of National Prohibition. Mr. Patterson is indeed a live wire.

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PHI MU SIGMA FRATERNITY.

The Phi Mu Sigma Fraternity was organized by Dr. Clifton P. Clark on May 27, 1908, at Mt. Vernon Place M. E. Church, South, Washington, D. C., the charter members being the eleven young men then constituting his Sunday School class. The motto of the fraternity is "Purity in Life." The object of the fraternity is threefold: First, to get the boy in the Sunday School class, keeping him there and ultimately leading him into church membership. Second, to build the boy up physically, mentally and spiritually; instructing him in the proper care of his body. Third, to inculcate brotherly love, thereby promoting a closer union between the boys in our Protestant Sunday Schools. Membership in the fraternity is based upon attendance at Sunday School, and any boy above the age of 16 years who is a member in good standing of any Protestant Sunday School is eligible. The fraternity is interdenominational.

It is incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia, and is on a firm national basis, having chapters in the following States: Louisiana, Texas, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, New York and Virginia. In Washington City there are fifteen chapters located at the following churches: "Alpha," Mt. Vernon Place M. E. Church, South. "Beta," Emory Chapel, M. E. Church, South. "Gamma," Metropolitan M. E. Church. "Delta," Douglass M. E. Church. "Epsilon," St. Paul M. E. Church, South. "Omicron," Hamline M. E. Church. "Iota," Trinity M. E. Church. "Theta," Luther Memorial. "Zeta," Vermont Avenue Christian. "Eta," United Brethren Memorial. "Kappa," Calvary M. E. Church, South. "Lambda," St. Paul English Lutheran. "Mu," Waugh M. E. Church. "Phi," Wesley Chapel M. E. Church. "Sigma," Concordia German Lutheran. These local chapters maintain joint rooms at 931 G St., N. W., where meetings are held, and where the boys may drop in and spend their leisure time. In this way the fraternity can promote sociability, and furnish the boys some safe place to congregate, removing them from the dangerous pitfalls and snares lurking for them on the streets.

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Aid is asked of all Christian people for the success of the fraternity. Tell your boy friends about it, and urge them to join; write to the people back home about it. Dr. Clark heartily recommends it to fulfill the purpose for which it was organized, and will be glad to consult and advise relative to the formation of new chapters. The charter is absolutely free, and chapters are under no financial obligations to the fraternity at large. To obtain a charter, a petition, signed by ten boys, must be addressed to Dr. Clifton P. Clark, 1834 Ontario Place, Washington, D. C., Supreme Master of the Fraternity. It is then presented to Alpha Chapter, and in turn to every chapter of the fraternity for action. Each chapter is an integral part of the fraternity, having equal voice and power. Each chapter makes its own by-laws, thus having entire control over local affairs. All chapters are under the jurisdiction of the church of which it is a part. Chapters regulate their own dues, keeping same for their own use. The fraternity does not conflict with other class organizations, rather strengthens such. The fraternity, by its teachings of the brotherhood of man, does away with much of the factionalism and cliques to be found in a large class of boys. It is strictly a Christian organization, builded upon these lines, and does not wish to be known as a social fraternity. The fraternity instinct is strong in boys, and the Phi Mu Sigma Fraternity will strive to use this instinct for Christ and the Church.

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Mexico was then in a "state of anarchy," and bands of Mexicans invaded Texas, destroying farm houses, several mercantile establishments in small towns, and killing several men, women and children. Also alarming stories of a planned invasion of the United States by a large force of Mexicans filled much space in the papers. The trial of Henry Ward Beecher was an important news item of the day, and Georgetown was wrought up over the kidnapping of a child. At this time also a committee was investigating the condition of the unemployed and poor of the District, with special attention to alley houses, and a large Congressional appropriation for the relief of the poor was being urged. Last but not least, the United States Supreme Court handed down a decision to the effect that the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution did not extend the right of suffrage to women.

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A local church is soon to have a "car ticket shower" for the benefit of their city missionary.

The Young People's Society of the Mount Vernon Place Epworth League has recently been organized with 12 members. The object of this Society is to get those of our younger people between the ages of 14 and 19 years better acquainted and more interested in the work of the Epworth League and Church. The officers are, President, Mr. John W. Wood; Vice President, Miss Julia Hampton; Secretary, Miss Ardelle Humphreys; Treasurer, Miss Catherine McLearen; Sergeant at Arms, Mr. Joseph Bolin. Other young people are invited to join.

WISDOMETTES.

"When I feel like finding fault I always begin with myself and then I never get any farther."—*David Grayson.*

"Only that day dawns to which we are awake."—*Thoreau.*

"The man will not get far who knows his destination from the start."—*Napoleon Bonaparte.*

"Be yo' Dr. Groover?"

"Yes, I'm the doctor. Who is sick?"

"Don't reckon thar's nobody sick, doctor."

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